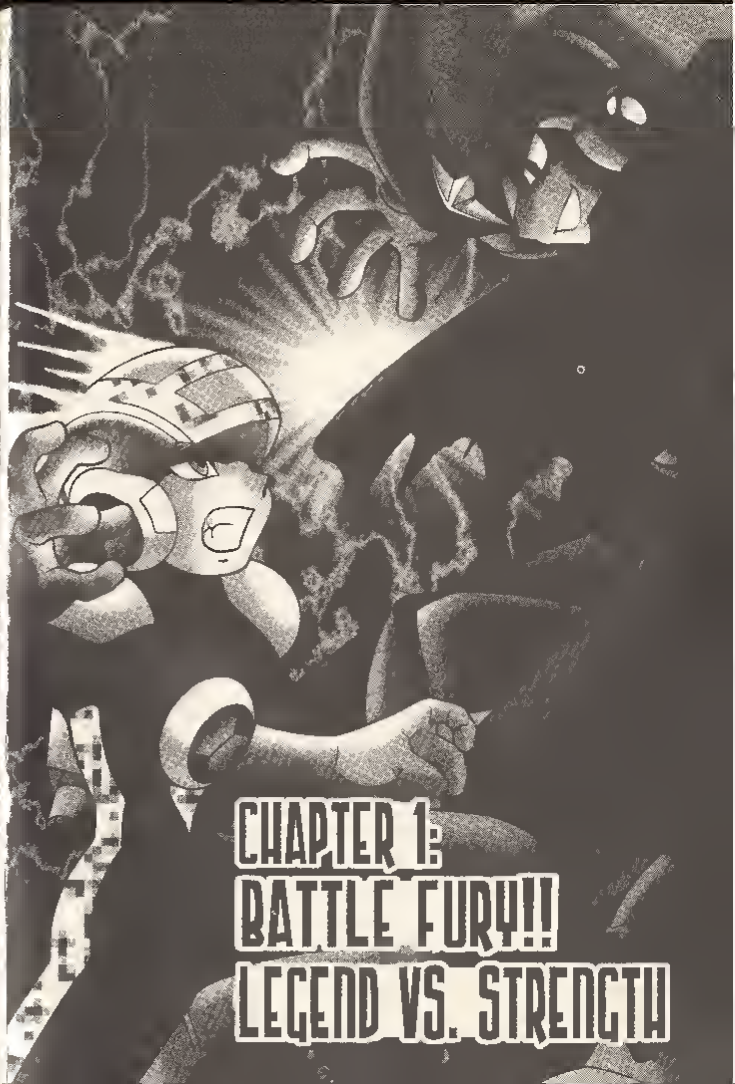
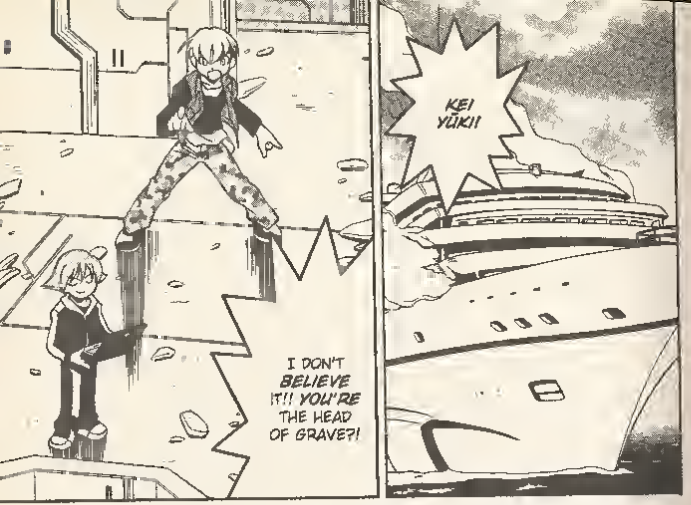
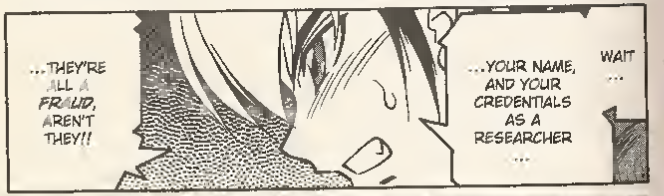


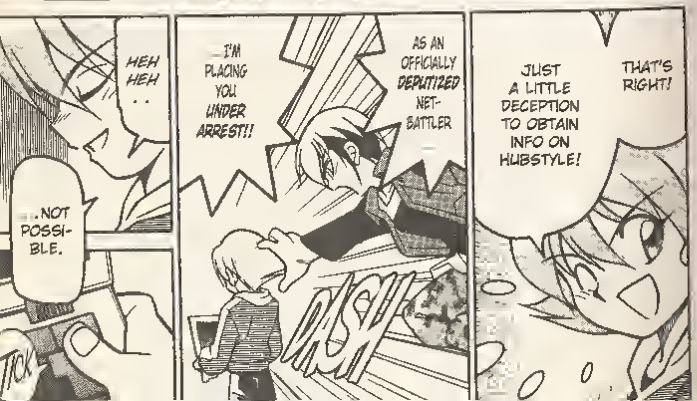
CHAPTER 1: BATTLE FURY!! LEGEND VS. STRENGTH

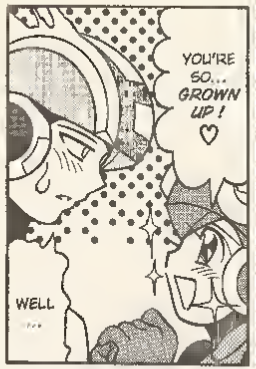
KRA-KUNK
UNNH ...
HEY, ROLL!
FREE FROM THE ICE... FINALLY, GUTS-GUTS...!
BU-ROOM
YEESH... YA DIDN'T HAVETA!
YAA-AAH!!!

...MEGA-MAN...
...TO CONSIGN YOU TO OBLIVION!!!

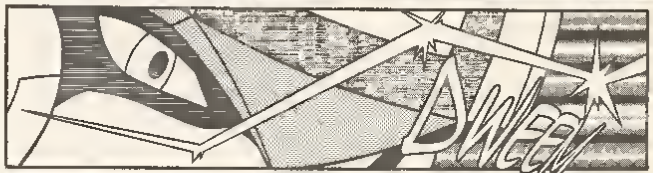

KEI YUKI!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!! YOU'RE THE HEAD OF GRAVE?!


...THEY'RE ALL A FRAUD, AREN'T THEY!!
...YOUR NAME, AND YOUR CREDENTIALS AS A RESEARCHER ...
WAIT ...

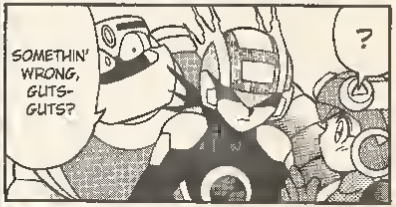

HEH HEH ..
...NOT POSSI-BLE.
TICK
—I'M PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST!!
AS AN OFFICIALLY DEPUTIZED NET-BATTLER
DASH
JUST A LITTLE DECEPTION TO OBTAIN INFO ON HUBSTYLE!
THAT'S RIGHT!

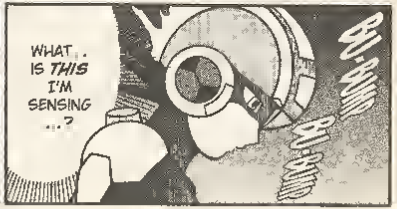

YOU'RE SO... GROWN UP! ♡
WELL ...

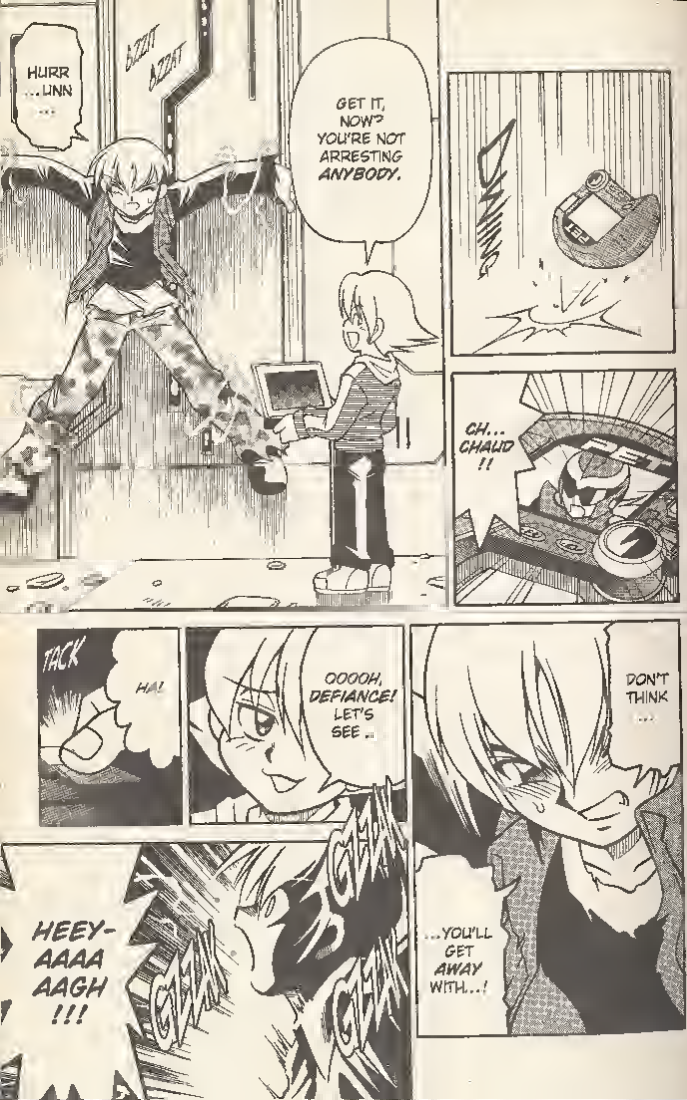
GROPE SMACK!
YOU'RE HUBSTYLE, RIGHT? WOW!
THE REAL THING, EH, GUTS-GUTS?!


DWEEP

SOMETHING INCREDIBLY POWERFUL IS COMING .!!
BLUBBLUBBLUBBLUBBLUBBLUBB

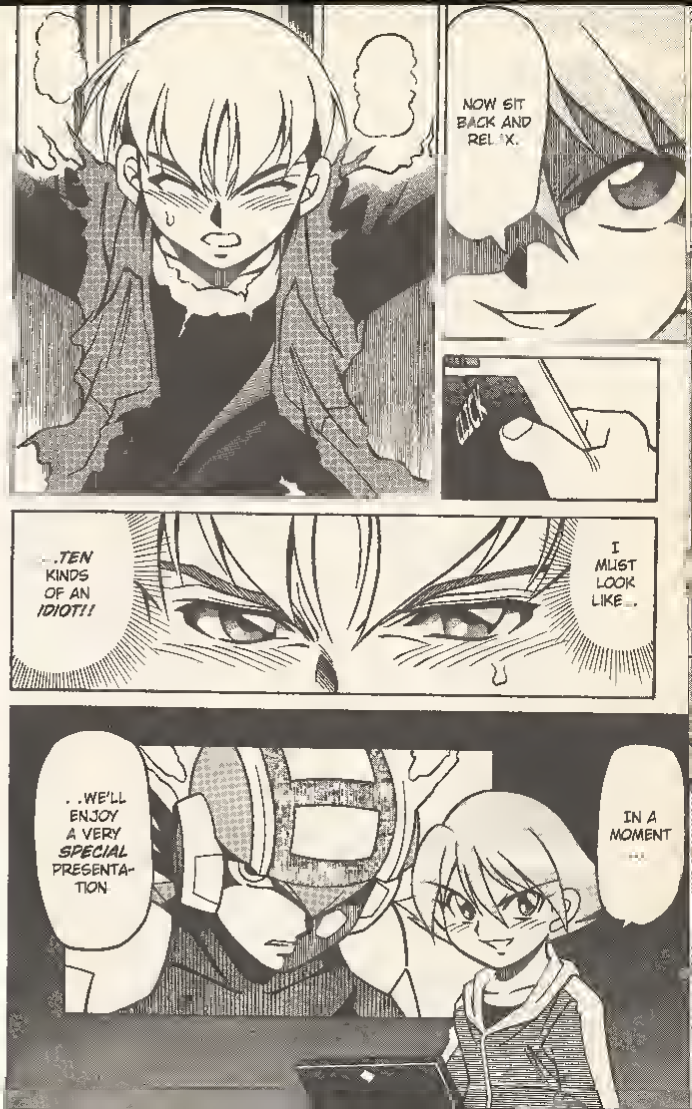

SOMETHIN' WRONG, GUTS-GUTS?
?

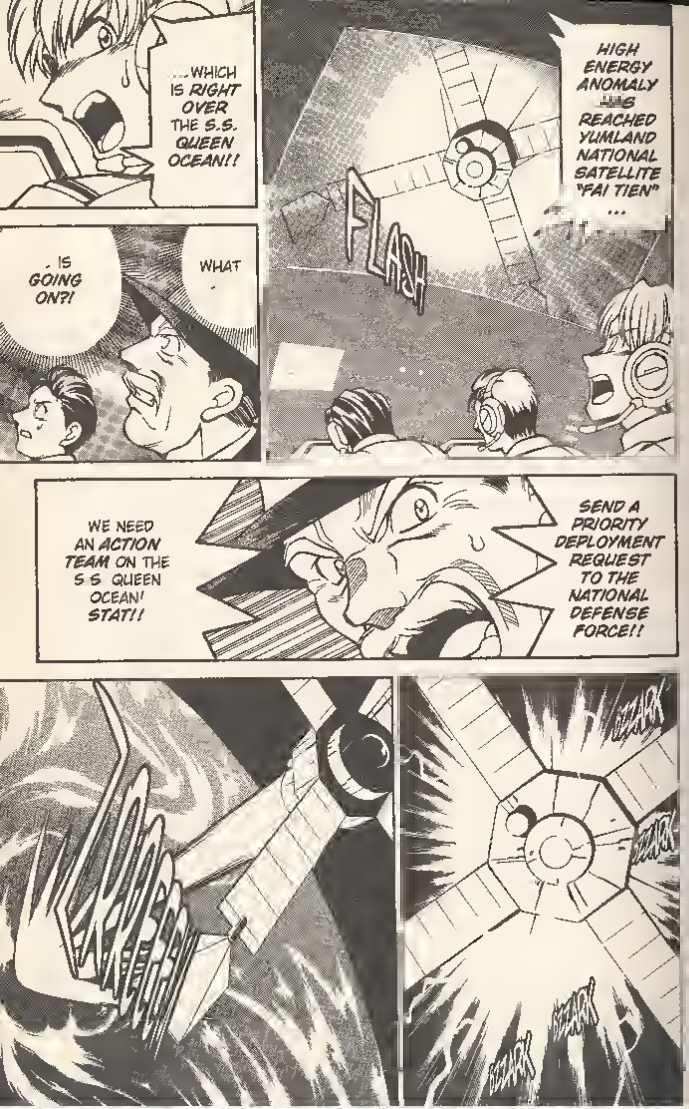

WHAT . IS THIS I'M SENSING ...?
BE, BE, BE, BE, BE, BE

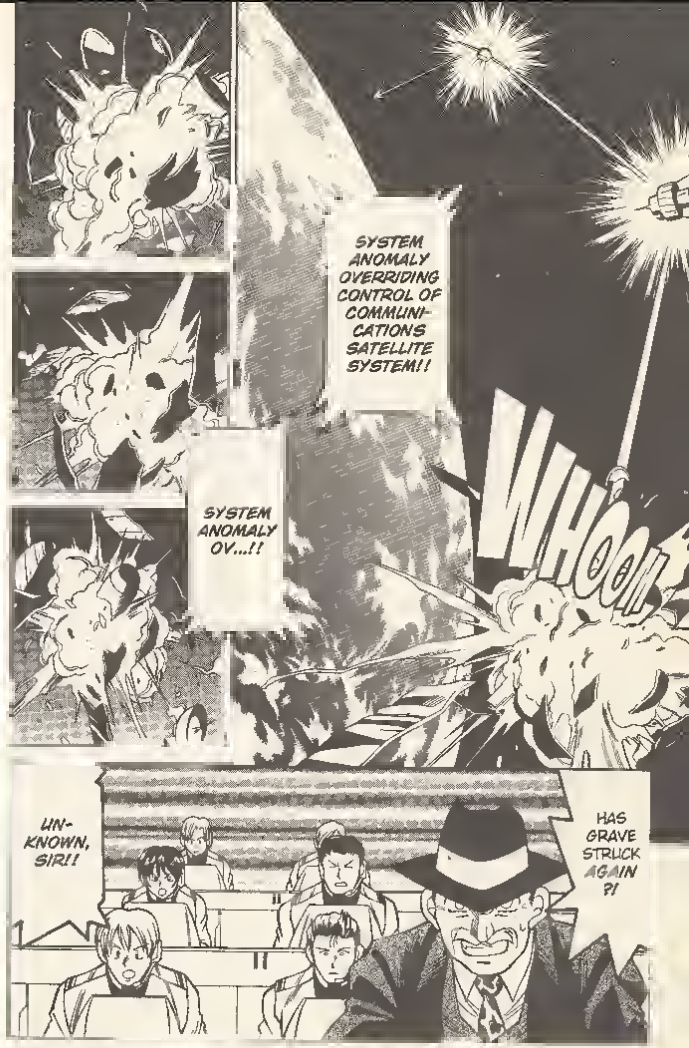

HURR ...UNN ...
AZAT AZAT
GET IT, NOW? YOU'RE NOT ARRESTING ANYBODY.
CH... CHALID !!
TACK
HA!
OOOOH, DEFIANCE! LET'S SEE ..
DON'T THINK ...
...YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH...!
HEEY- AAAA AAGH !!!
GTSHK
GTSHK
GTSHK

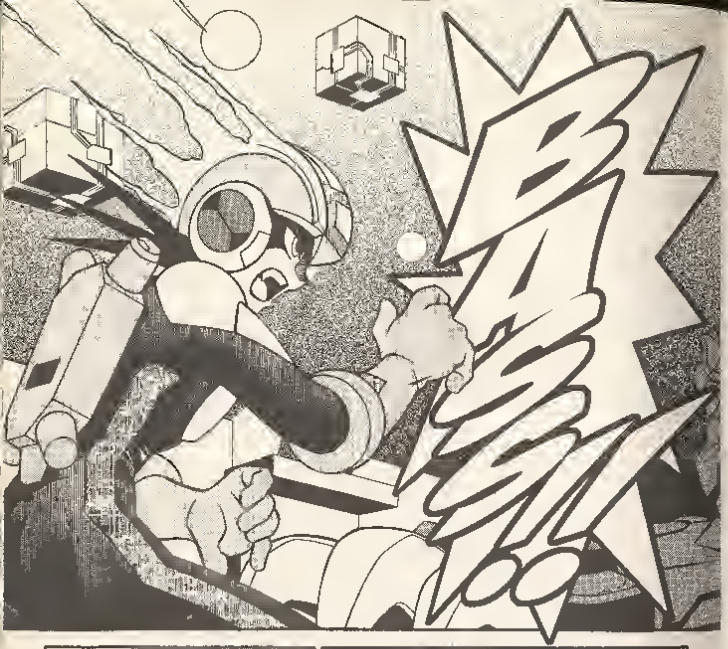
!!
BZAAAZZAAAZZK
YAAA- RRR- GGGGH !!!!
FUH

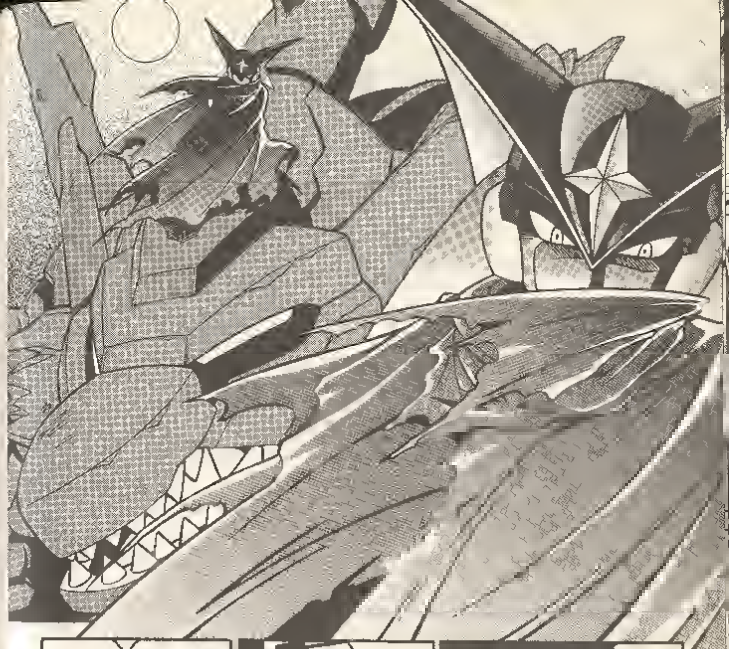
SYSTEM ANOMALY DETECTED IN COM-MUNICA-TIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM!
SYSTEM ANOMALY DETECTED IN COM-MUNICA-TIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM!
EEEEEEE
UNKNOWN HIGH ENERGY FORM...
PASSING BETWEEN SATELLITES!

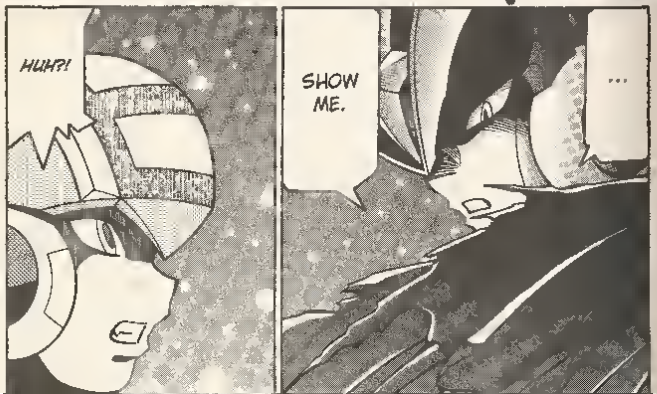

NOW SIT BACK AND RELAX.
CLICK
...TEN KINDS OF AN IDIOT!!
I MUST LOOK LIKE...
...WE'LL ENJOY A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTA-TION.
IN A MOMENT...

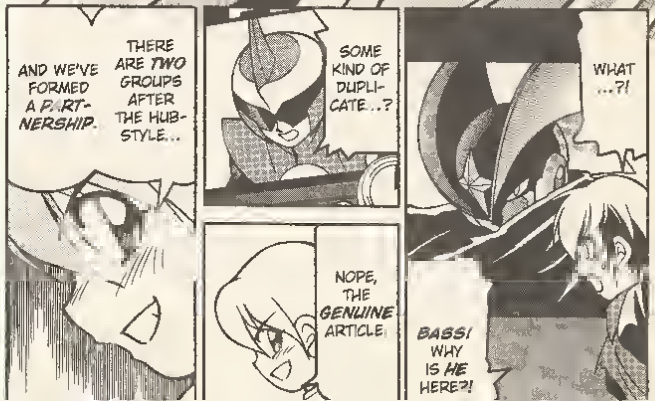

....WHICH IS RIGHT OVER THE S.S. QUEEN OCEAN!!
HIGH ENERGY ANOMALY HAS REACHED YUMLAND NATIONAL SATELLITE "FAI TIEN" ...
FLASH
WHAT
. IS GOING ON?!
WE NEED AN ACTION TEAM ON THE S S QUEEN OCEAN! STAT!!
SEND A PRIORITY DEPLOYMENT REQUEST TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE!!
KKOOSH
BZZZZK
BZZZZK
BZZZZK


SYSTEM ANOMALY OVERRIDING CONTROL OF COMMUNI-CATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM!!
SYSTEM ANOMALY OV...!!
WHOOM
UN-KNOWN, SIR!!
HAS GRAVE STRUCK AGAIN ?!

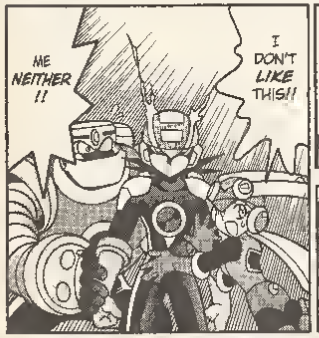

BAGH!!



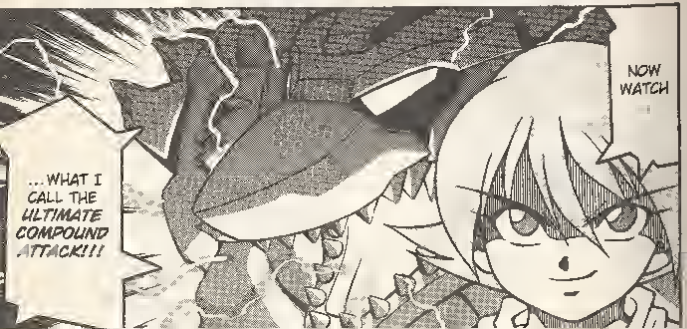

HUH?!
SHOW ME.
...

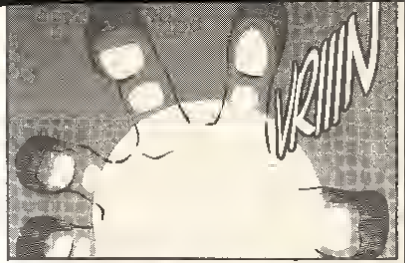

AND WE'VE FORMED A PART-NERSHIP.
THERE ARE TWO GROUPS AFTER THE HUB-STYLE...
SOME KIND OF DUPLI-CATE...?
NOPE, THE GENUINE article.
WHAT ...?!
BASS! WHY IS HE HERE?!

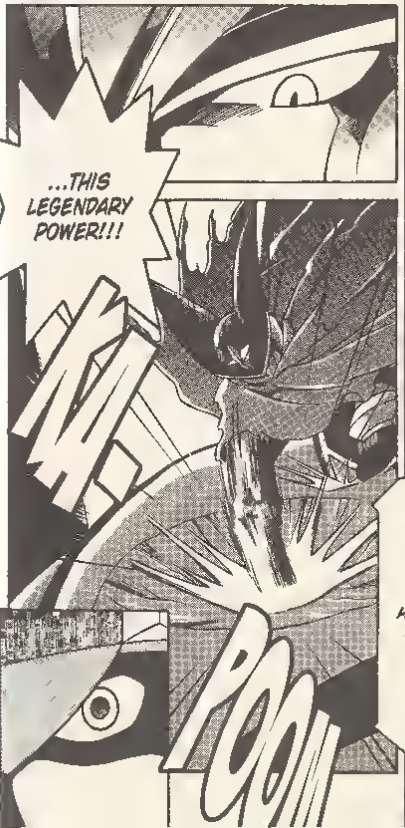
BZZZZZ
ZZARK


I DON'T LIKE THIS!!
ME NEITHER !!

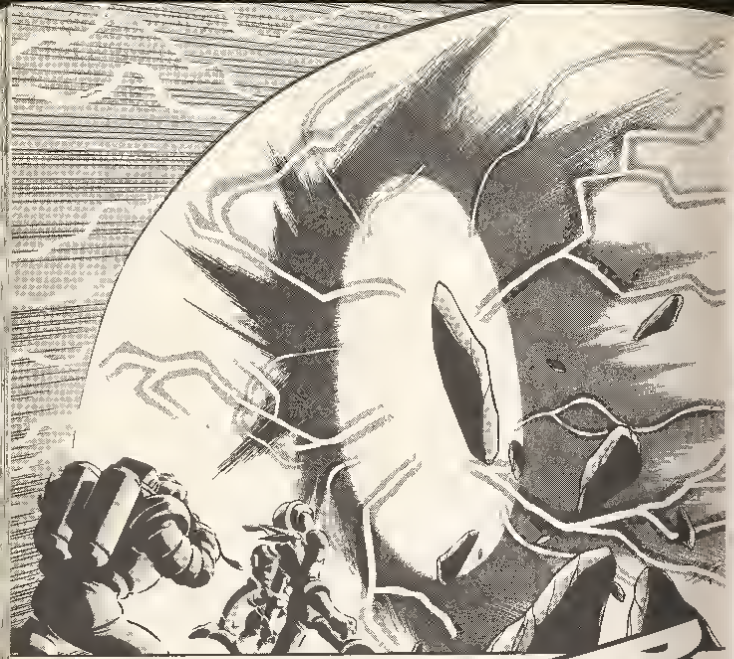
HEY HEY..
BACK IN ACTION!
STAY WITH ME, YOU TWO!

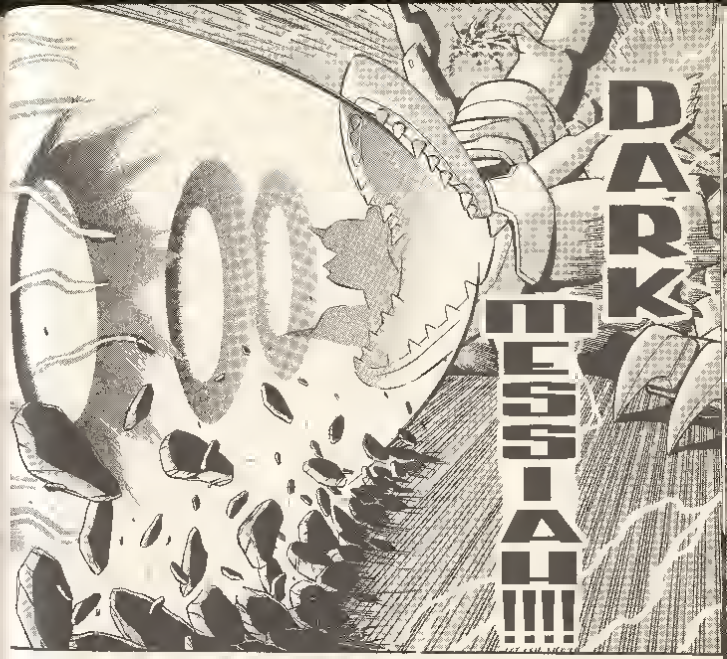

NOW WATCH
...WHAT I CALL THE ULTIMATE COMPOUND ATTACK!!!

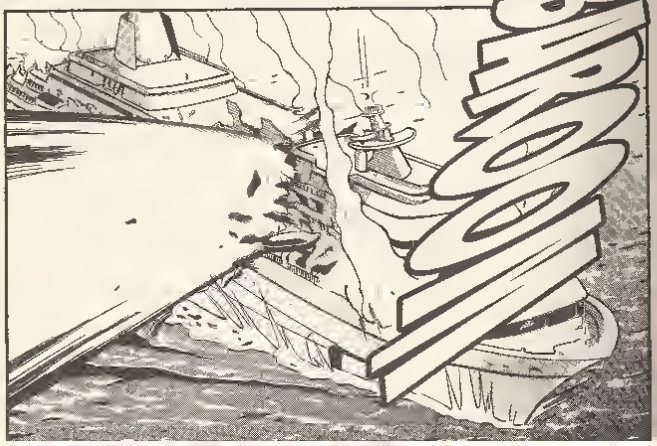

VRIIN

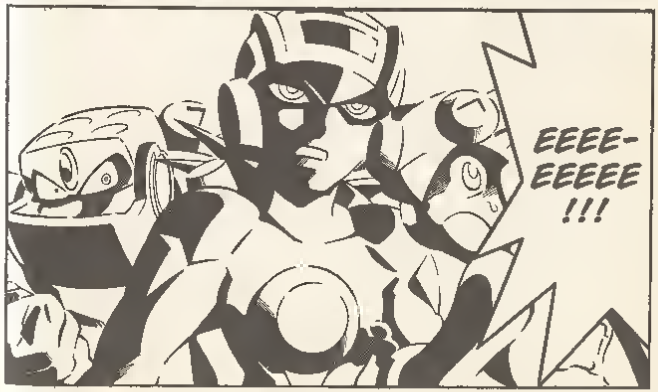

...THIS LEGENDARY POWER!!!
POOM

THIS THING..
...YOU CALL HUBSTYLE ...SHOW ME..

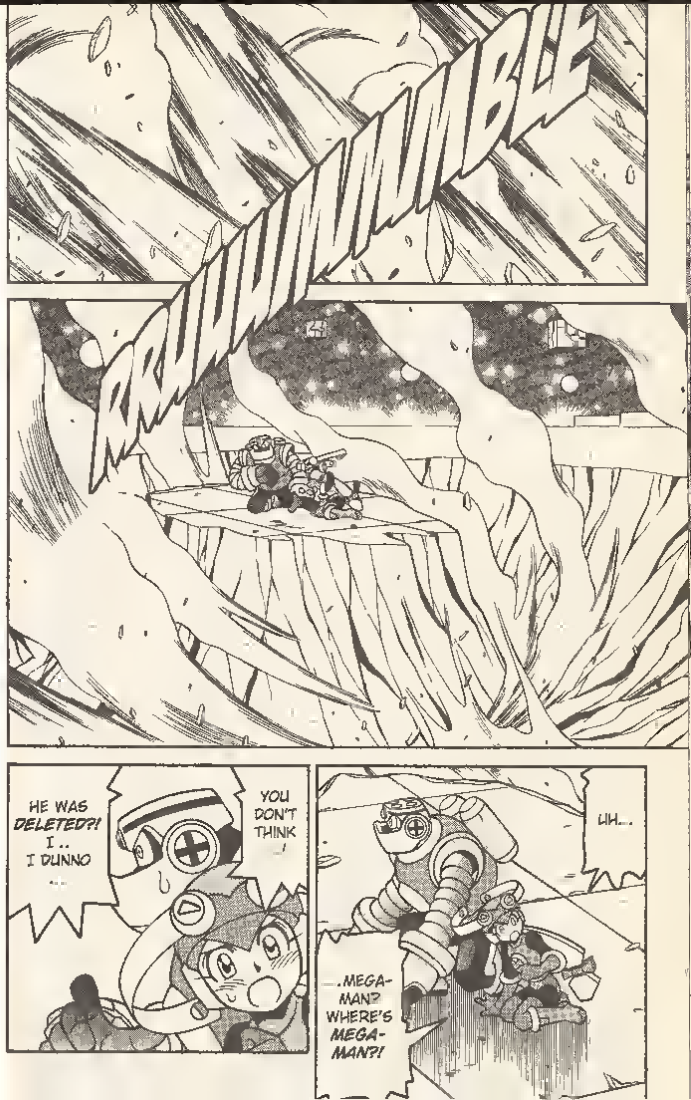


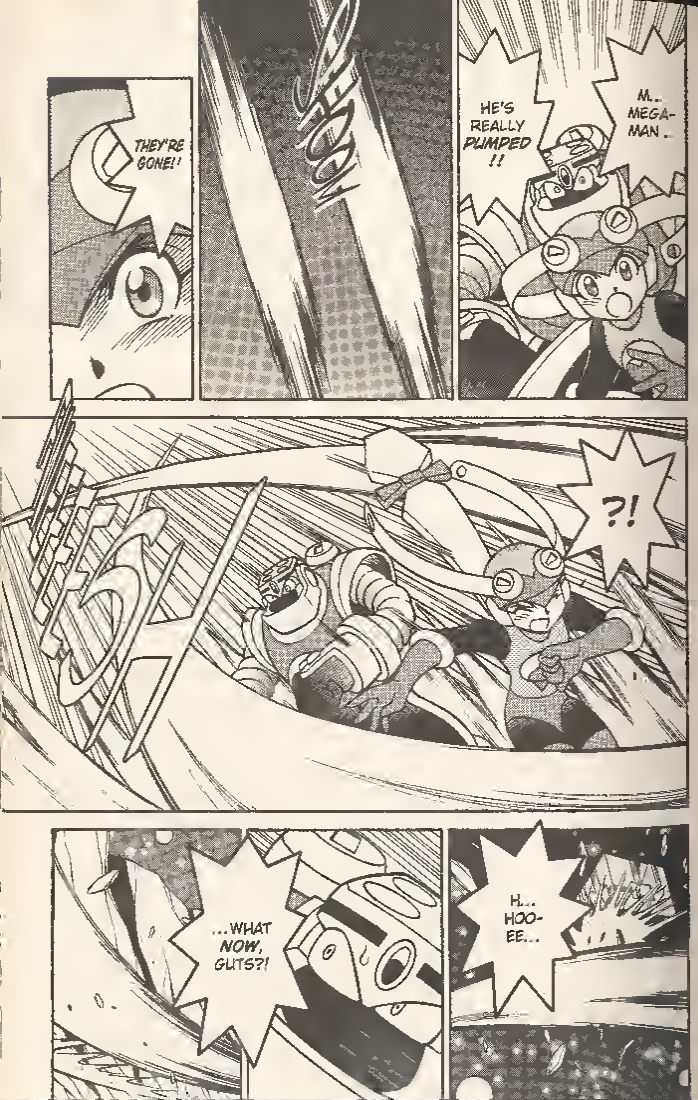

DARK
MESSIAH!!!

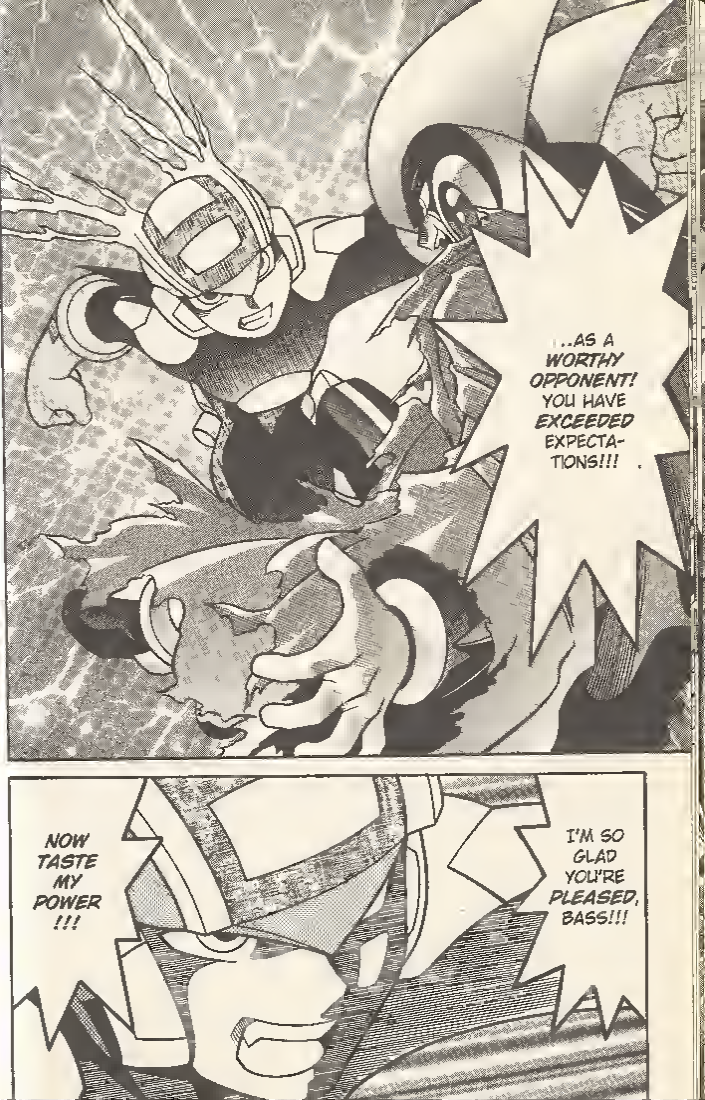

BROOOOM

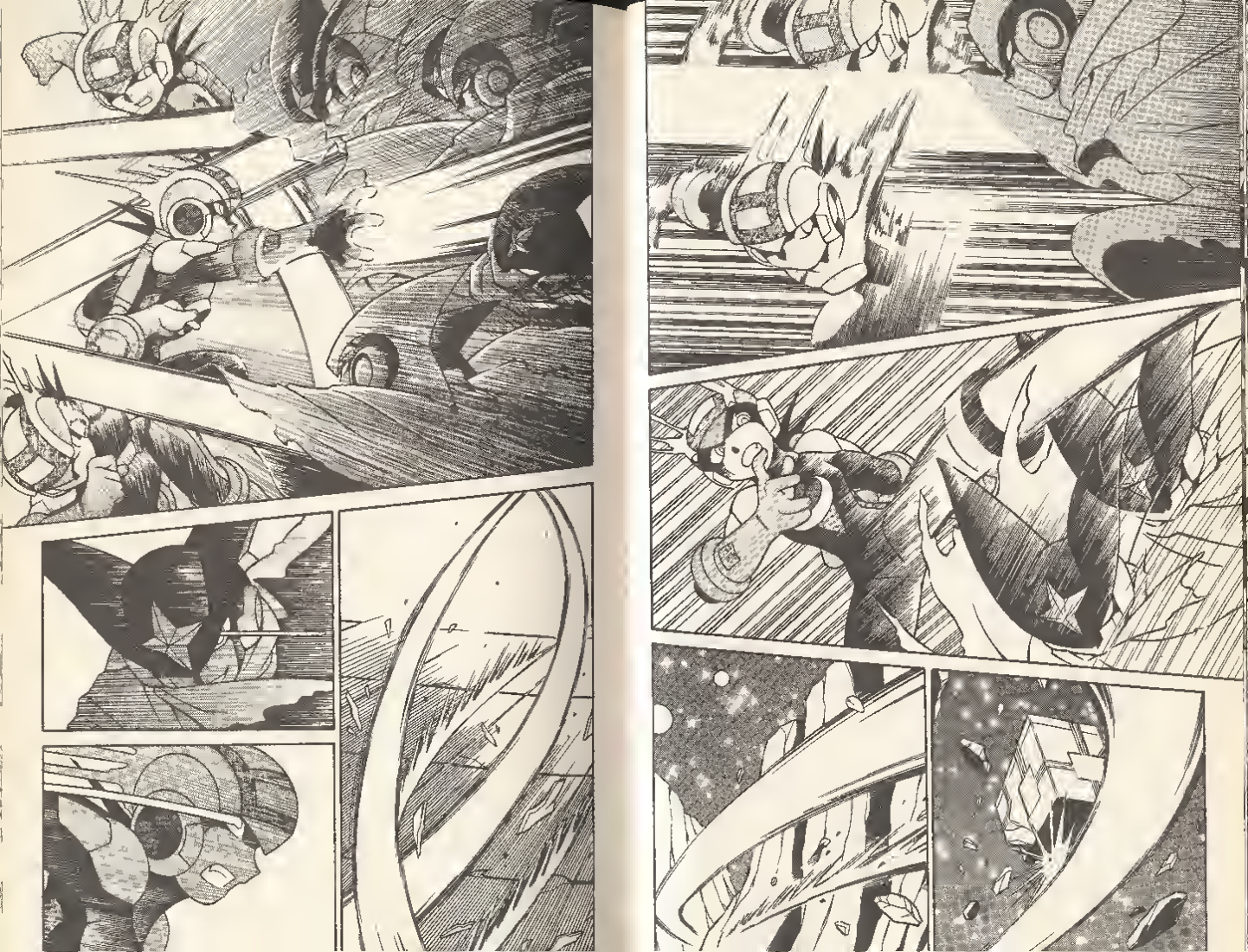

EEEE-
EEEEE
!!!

HE!
SHOT
I'D HOPED YOU WOULD RETURN...
I CHOSE NOT TO DELETE YOU THE LAST TIME WE MET.

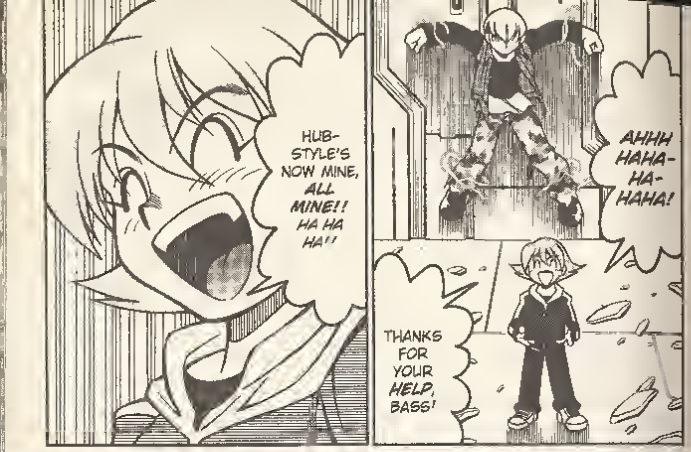

ARUUUUUUUUBLE
HE WAS DELETED?! I.. I DUNNO...
YOU DON'T THINK...
UH...
...MEGA-MAN? WHERE'S MEGA-MAN?!

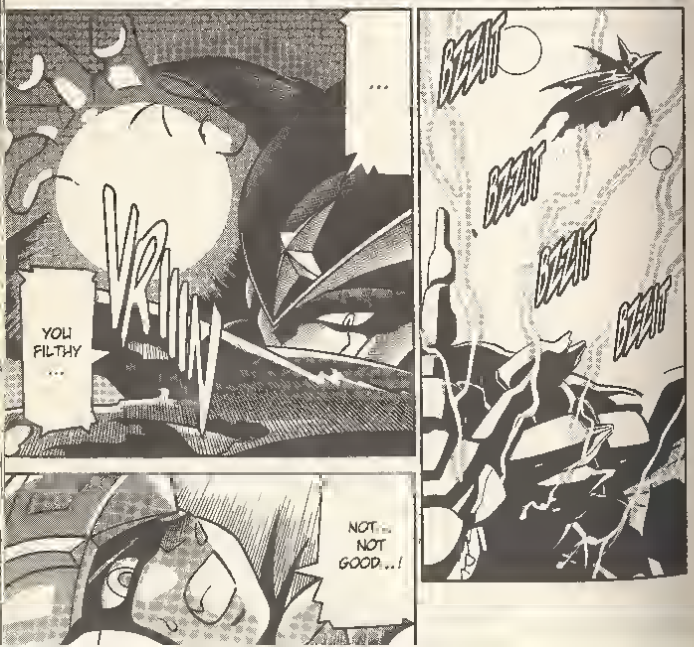

THEY'RE GONE!!
HE'S REALLY PUMPED !!
M... MEGA-MAN.
?!
...WHAT NOW, GUTS?!
H... HOO-EE...

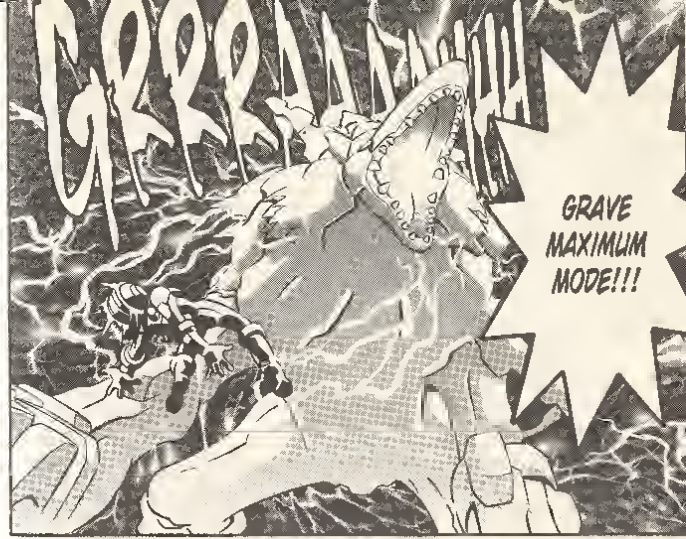

...AS A WORTHY OPPONENT! YOU HAVE EXCEEDED EXPECTA-TIONS!!!
NOW TASTE MY POWER !!!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE PLEASED, BASS!!!

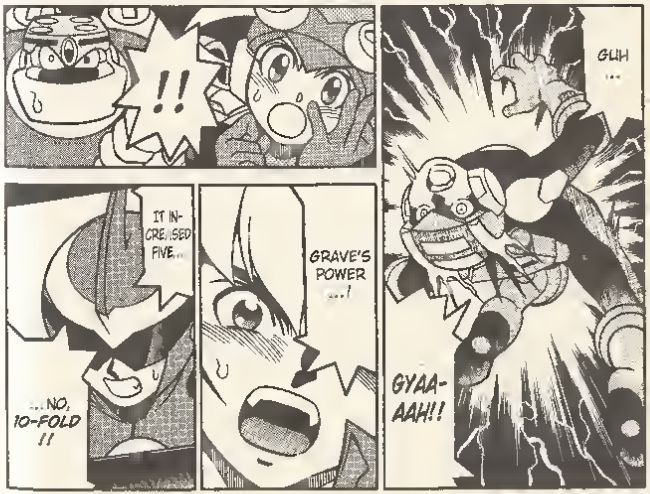


NOW !!
MAG-NETIC FIELD, MAX OUTPUT!
D. DANG BLANG IT!
BZZZ


HUB-STYLE'S NOW MINE, ALL MINE!! HA HA HA!!
AHHH HAHA-HA-HAHA!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, BASS!

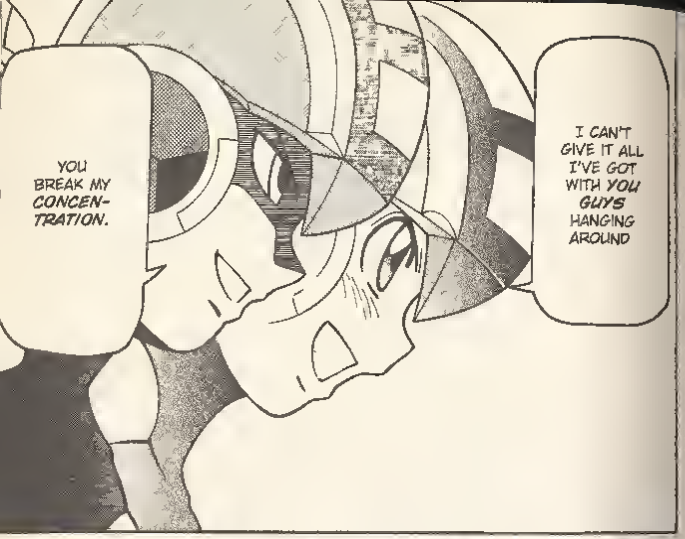

...
YOU FILTHY ...
NOT... NOT GOOD...!
BEAT
BEAT
BEAT
BEAT

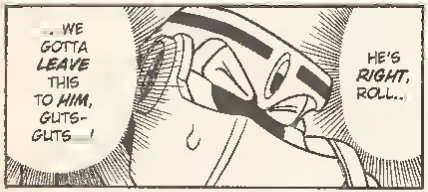

GRRR
GRAVE MAXIMUM MODE!!!

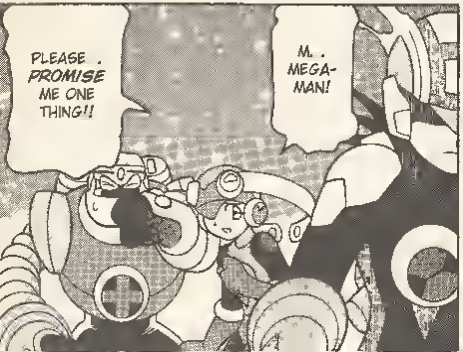

!!
IT IN-CRE-ASED FIVE...
...NO, 10-FOLD !!
GRAVE'S POWER ...!
GUH ...
GYAA-AAH!!

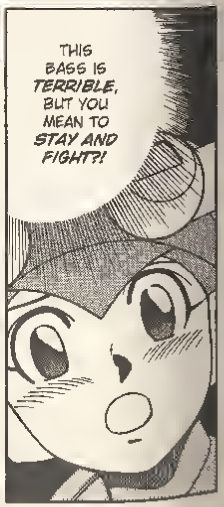
WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA THAT...
...I'D JOINED FORCES WITH THE LIKES OF YOU?!
ARE YOU NUTS, BASS?!
YOU JUST BLASTED MY GRAVE-BEAST!!
B-BUT...
YIKES...!
YAAA-RRR-GH!!!

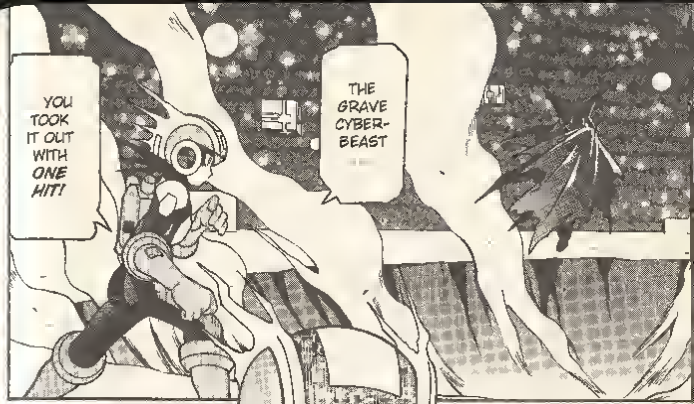
OUT OF MY WAY !!!!
!!


YOU BREAK MY CONCEN-TRATION.
I CAN'T GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT WITH YOU GUYS HANGING AROUND

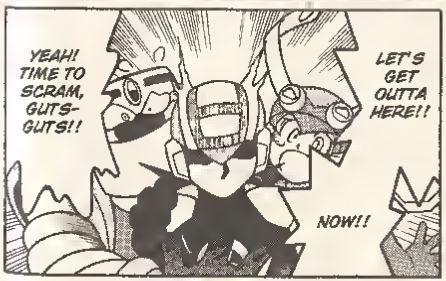

...WE GOTTA LEAVE THIS TO HIM, GUTS-GUTS...!
HE'S RIGHT, ROLL..


PLEASE. PROMISE ME ONE THING!!
M..MEGA-MAN!

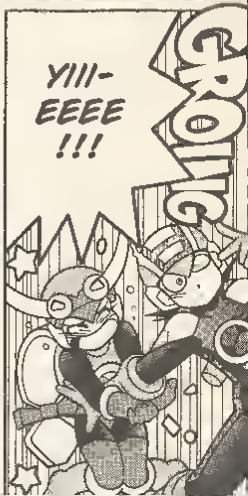

THIS BASS IS TERRIBLE, BUT YOU MEAN TO STAY AND FIGHT?!


YOU TOOK IT OUT WITH ONE HIT!
THE GRAVE CYBER-BEAST

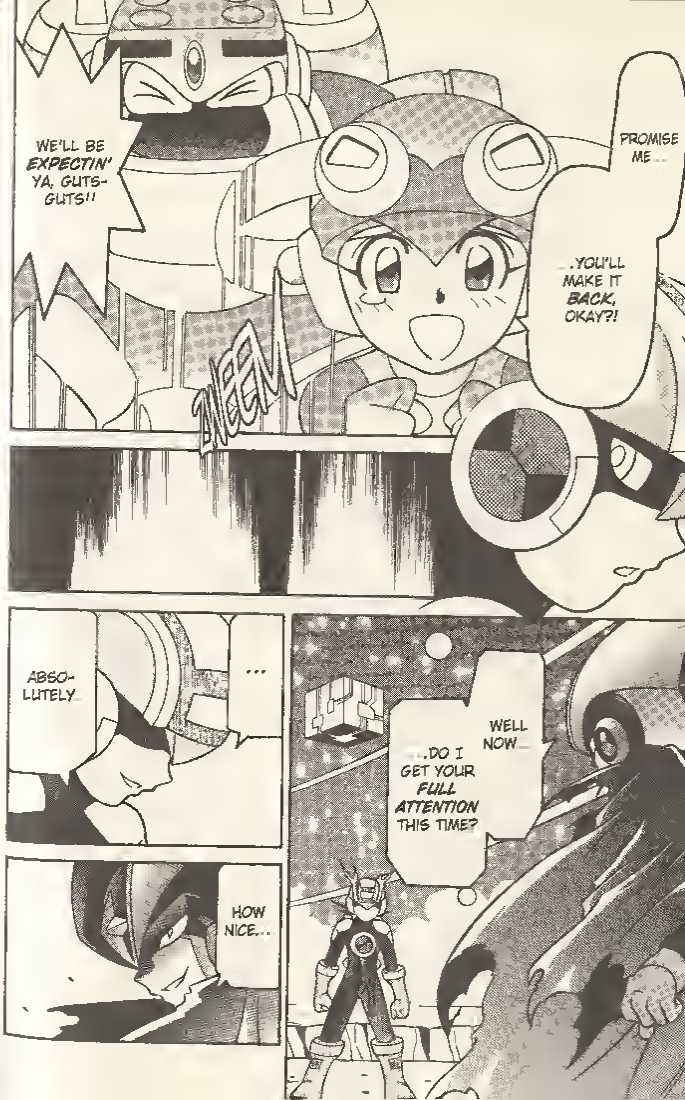
HEH! SHOW-OFF...

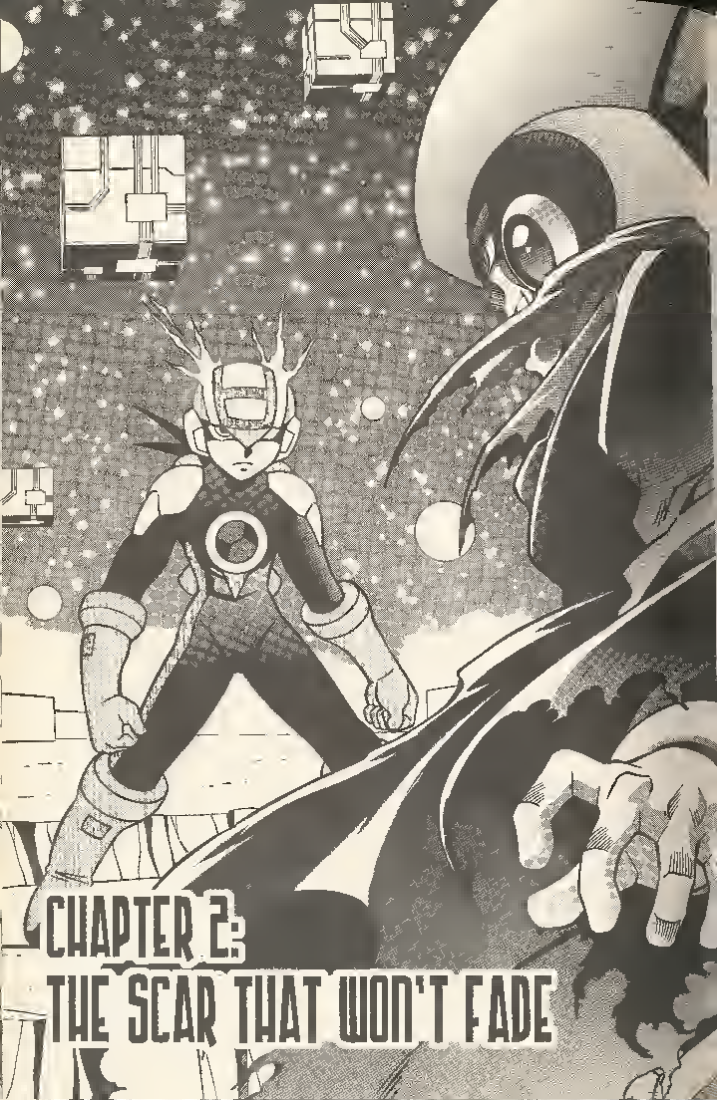

YEAH! TIME TO SCRAM, GUTS-GUTS!!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
NOW!!

...YOU TWO SHOULD JACK OUT RIGHT NOW
I AGREE


YIII-EEEE !!!
CROIG

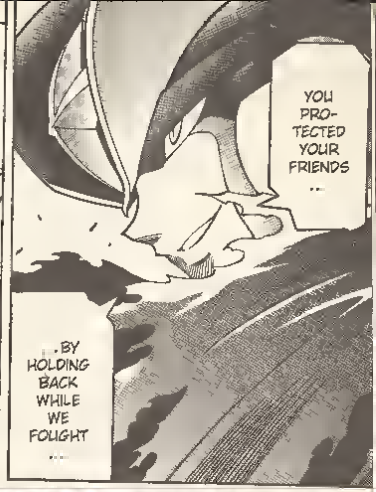
BASS !!
I'M TAKING YOU DOWN!!!


WE'LL BE EXPECTIN' YA, GUTS-GUTS!!
PROMISE ME...
...YOU'LL MAKE IT BACK, OKAY?!
BEEM
ABSO-LUTELY...
...
WELL NOW...
...DO I GET YOUR FULL ATTENTION THIS TIME?
HOW NICE...


CHAPTER 2:
THE SCAR THAT WON'T FADE

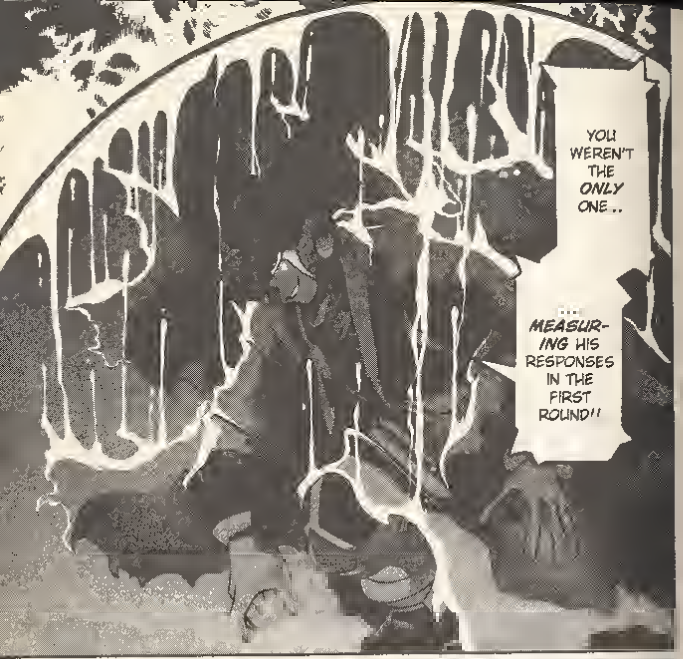
I CAME HERE TO POUND YOU FLAT!!!
CHAK
CHAK
!
BU
BU

I DIDN'T ATTAIN HUBSTYLE JUST TO COME HERE AND...
...

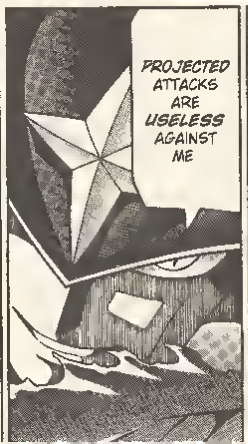

YOU PRO-TECTED YOUR FRIENDS...
...BY HOLDING BACK WHILE WE FOUGHT...

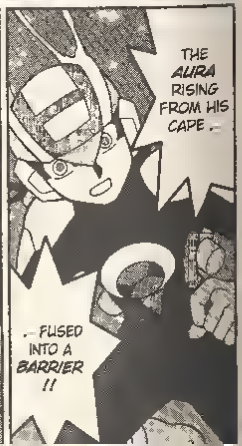
RUNNIG

ZIP
...PRESENT YOU WITH A "WORTHY OPPO-NENT!!"

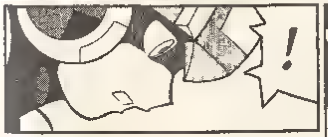

YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE..
....MEASURING HIS RESPONSES IN THE FIRST ROUND!!

IN THAT CASE..
SO I SEE


PROJECTED ATTACKS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME


THE AURA RISING FROM HIS CAPE..
..FUSED INTO A BARRIER!!

KAA-BWOOM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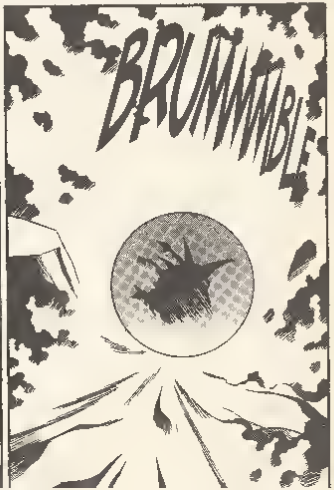
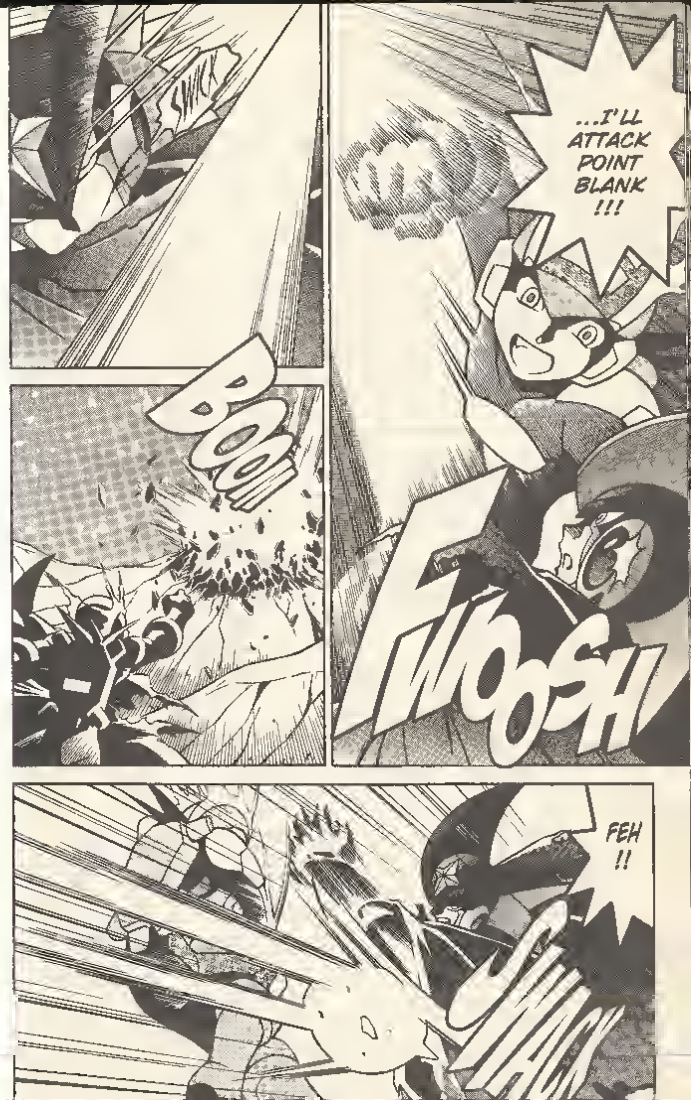
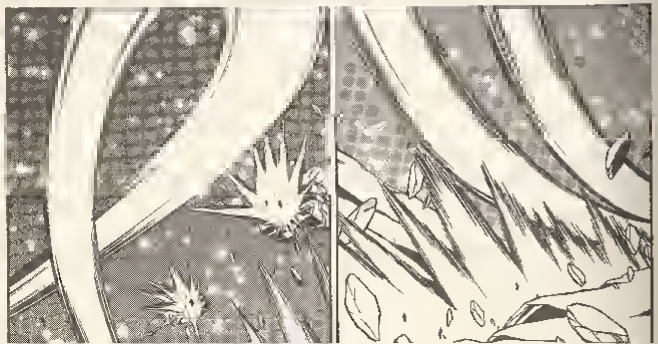

BRUMMMBLE

BIHUH!
BIHUH!
BIHUH!
BIHUH!
SWUP
NO GO, PAL !!
KRANG

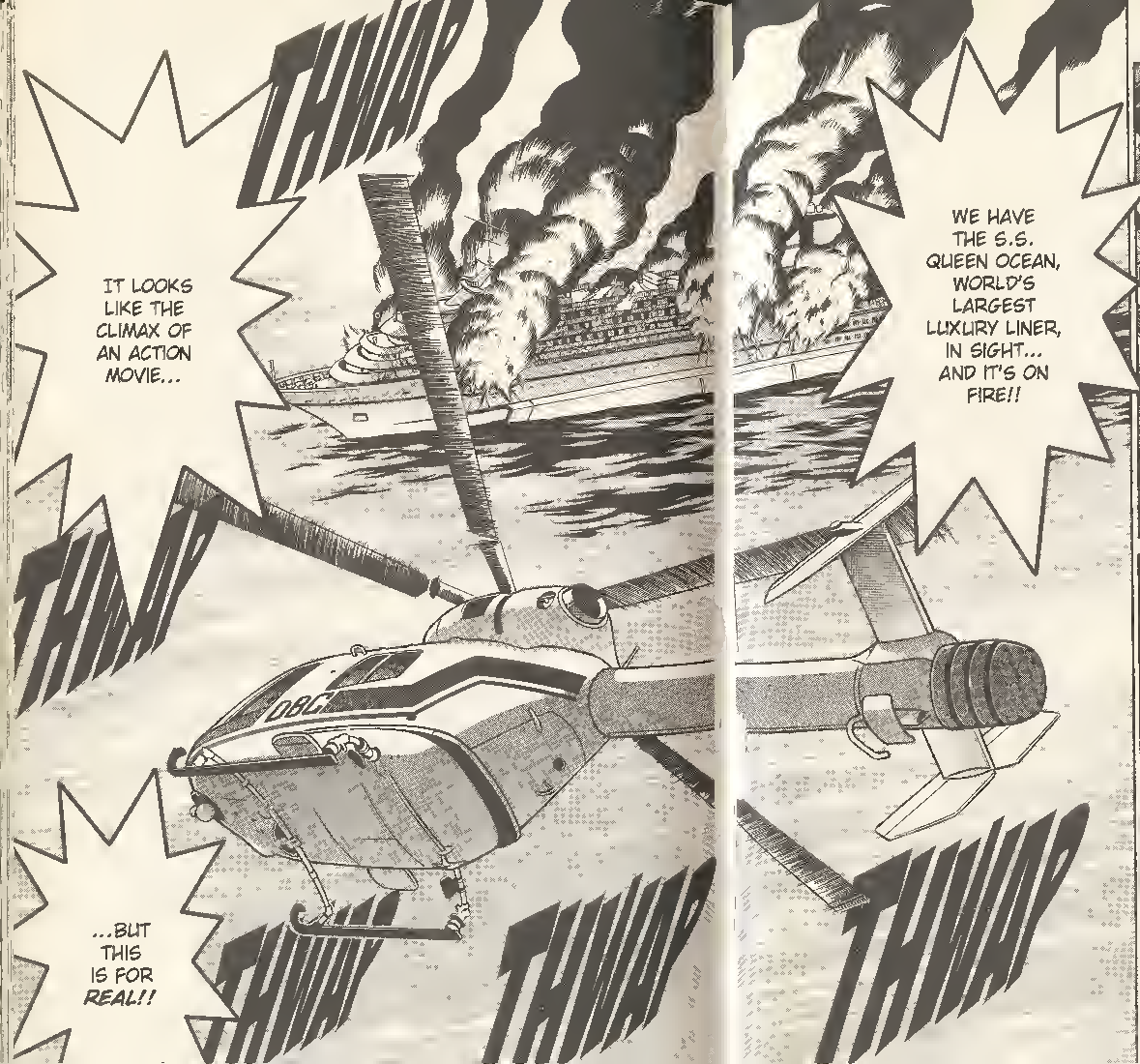

SWICK
...I'LL ATTACK POINT BLANK !!!
BOOM
WOOSH
FEH !!
SMACK

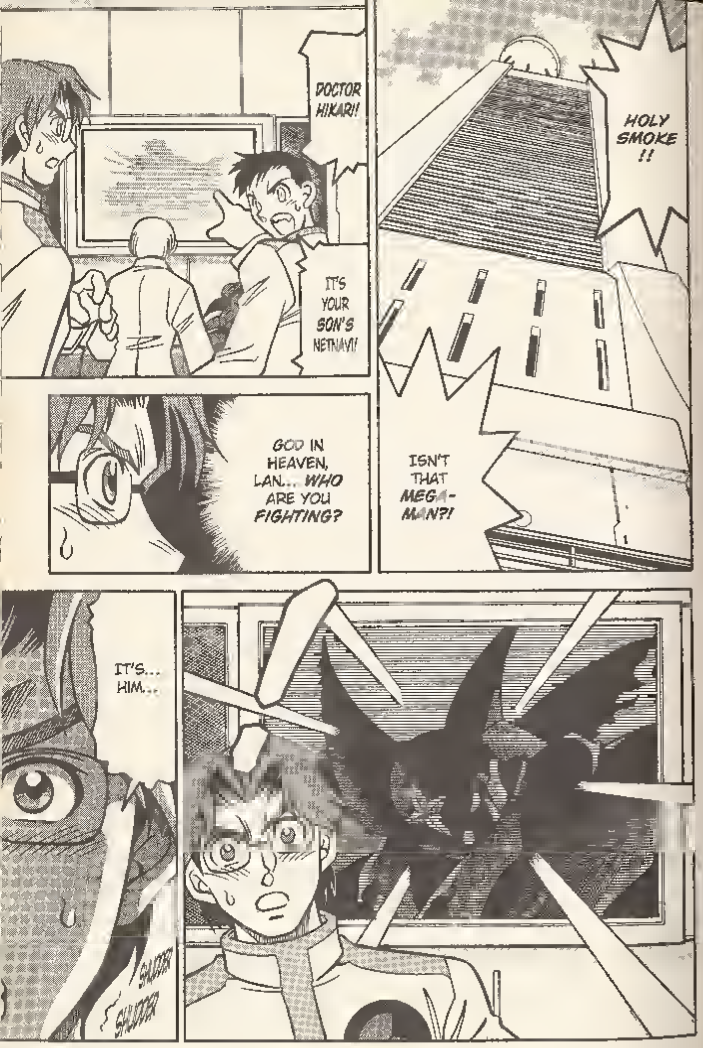


BAWO
OM

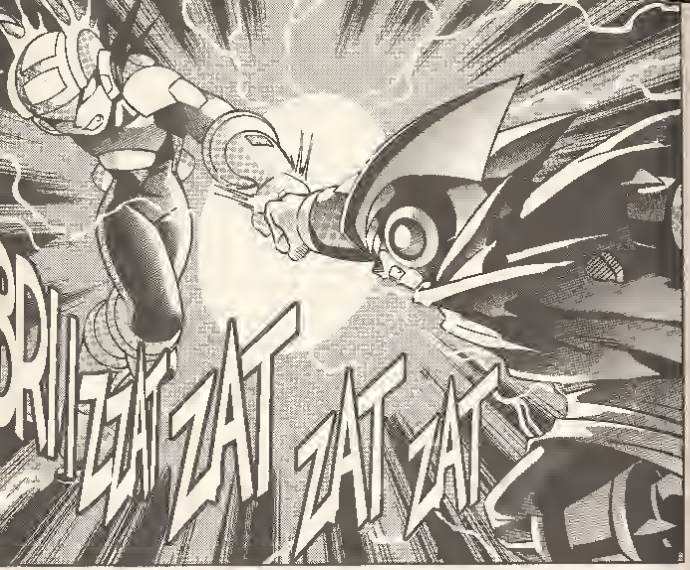
BASS
!!!

MEGA-
MAN
!!!

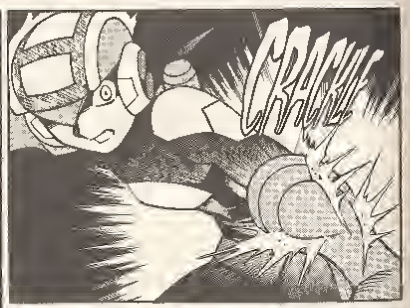

THWAP
IT LOOKS LIKE THE CLIMAX OF AN ACTION MOVIE...
THWAP
...BUT THIS IS FOR REAL!!
THWAP
THWAP
WE HAVE THE S.S. QUEEN OCEAN, WORLD'S LARGEST LUXURY LINER, IN SIGHT... AND IT'S ON FIRE!!
THWAP
BAM
BAROOM


DOCTOR HIKARI!
IT'S YOUR SON'S NETNAVI!
HOLY SMOKE !!
GOD IN HEAVEN, LAN... WHO ARE YOU FIGHTING?
ISN'T THAT MEGA-MAN?!
IT'S... HIM...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER

THE FATE OF THE PASSEN-GERS IS UNKNOWN!
HELLO VIEWERS! I'M ACTION REPORTER RIBITTA ...
...ON THE SCENE, BRINGING YOU LIVE COVER-AGE OF THIS DEVELOPING CATASTRO-PHE!
...BETWEEN TWO ULTRA-POWERFUL NETNAVIS IS UN-FOLDING IN THE S.S. QUEEN OCEAN'S CYBERNET!
THWAP
THWAP
THWAP
THWAP
THWAP
WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT A GRAND BATTLE ...
THIS IS WHAT OUR CYBEREYE HAS PICKED UP SO FAR!


ZZAT ZAT ZAT ZAT

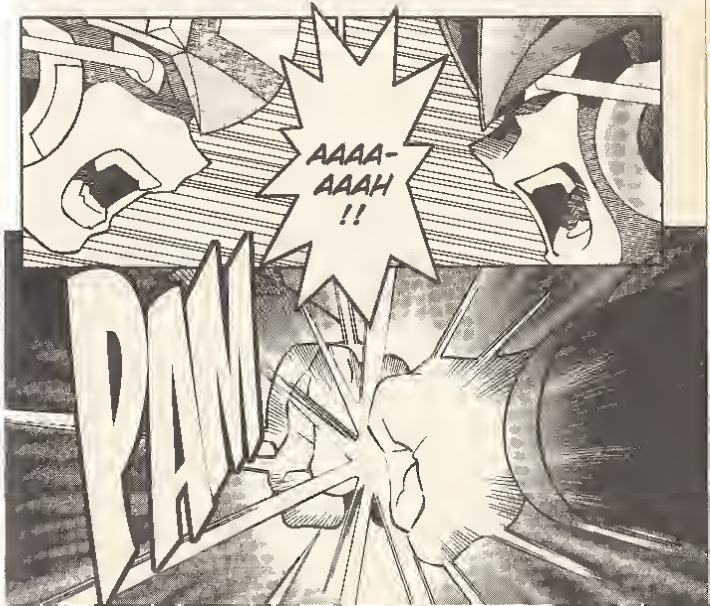
WELL PARRIED

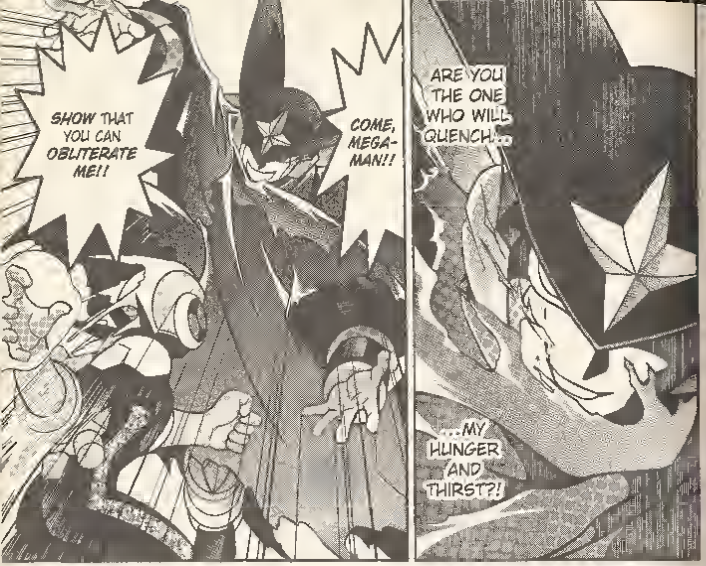

CRACK!!

YAAGH !!

IT'S HOPE-LESS!! YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST BASS!!!
LAN!! MEGA-MAN!!
BREAK OFF THE FIGHT!!

SO...
...HE'S STILL ALIVE!!


AAAA-AAAH !!
PAN!


SHOW THAT YOU CAN OBLITERATE ME!!
COME, MEGA-MAN!!
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WILL QUENCH...
...MY HUNGER AND THIRST?!

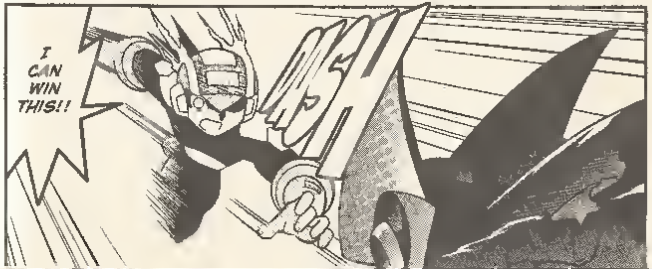
MY HUNGER, MY THIRST!!
MY RAGE, MY HATRED !!!

MA-ZRAK

...ARE YOU THE ONE...?
MEGA-MAN..

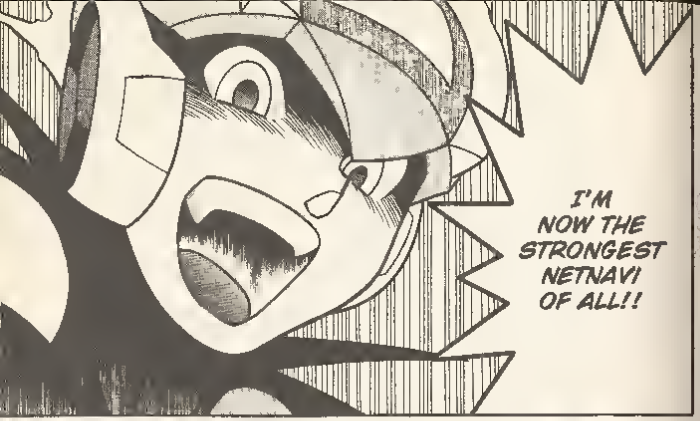
!!
SHOOT

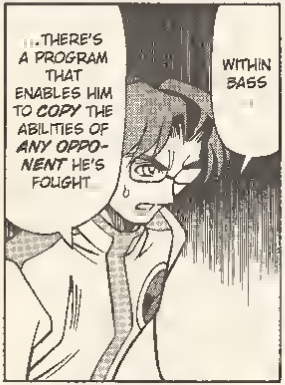
...HE ACTUALLY WENT DOWN!
MY GOSH ....

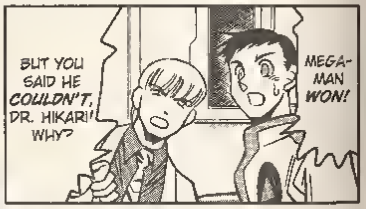

I CAN WIN THIS!!

... LOST !!!
YOU'VE ...

BASS !!!

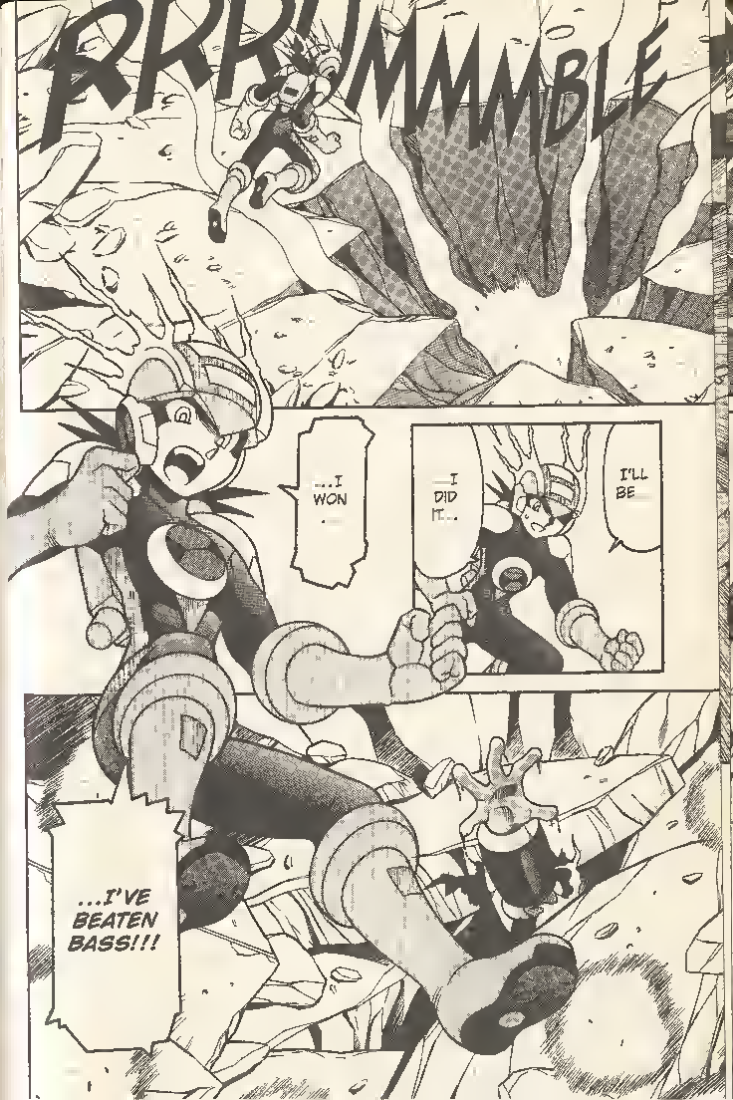

I'M NOW THE STRONGEST NETNAVI OF ALL!!


...THERE'S A PROGRAM THAT ENABLES HIM TO COPY THE ABILITIES OF ANY OPPONENT HE'S FOUGHT
WITHIN BASS

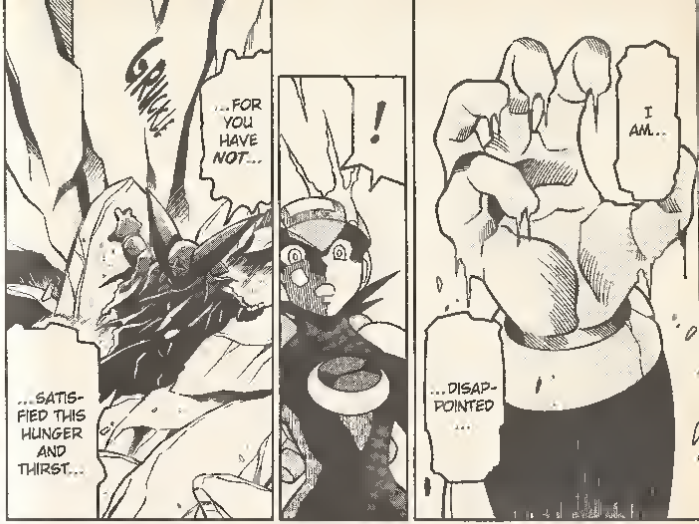

BUT YOU SAID HE COULDN'T, DR. HIKARI! WHY?
MEGA-MAN WON!

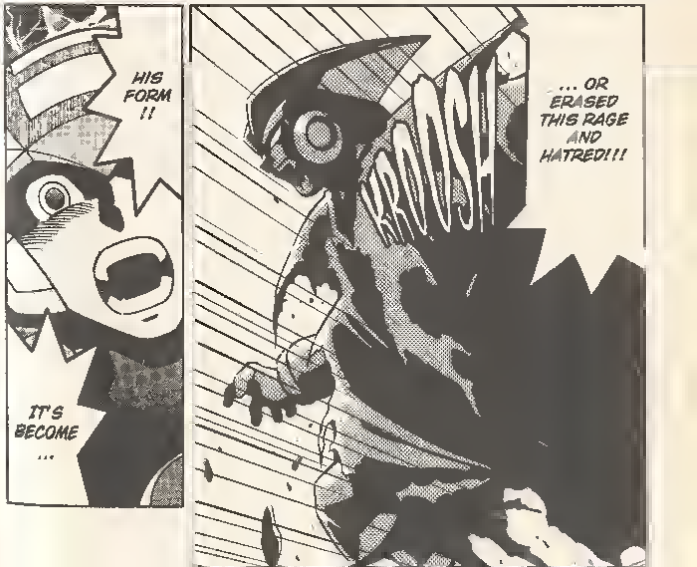
BECAUSE OF... THE GETABILITY PROGRAM

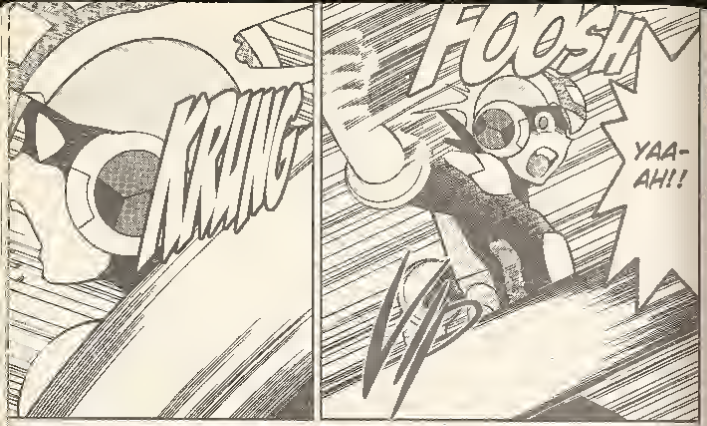
THEN BASS ISN'T
YOU CAN'T MEAN IT!!

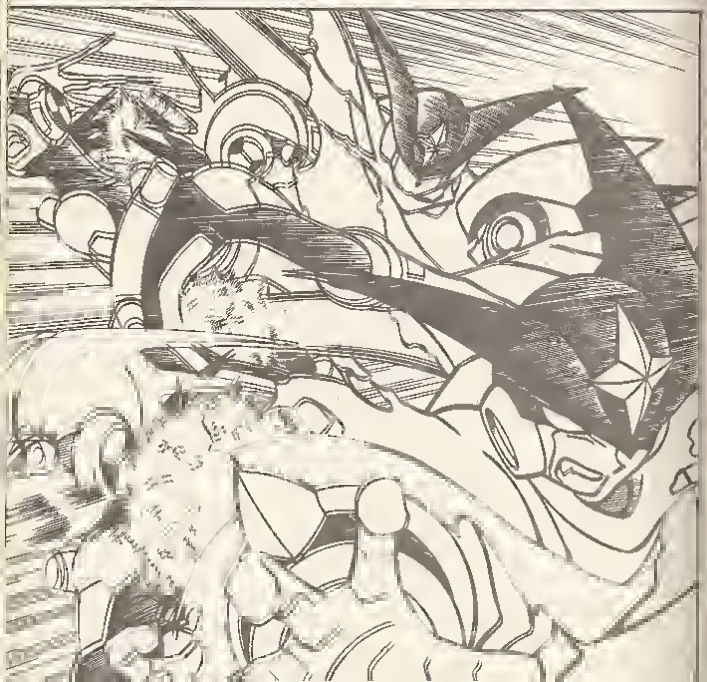

RRRUMMMBLE
...I WON.
...I DID IT...
I'LL BE...
...I'VE BEATEN BASS!!!

HUBASS STYLE!!!!

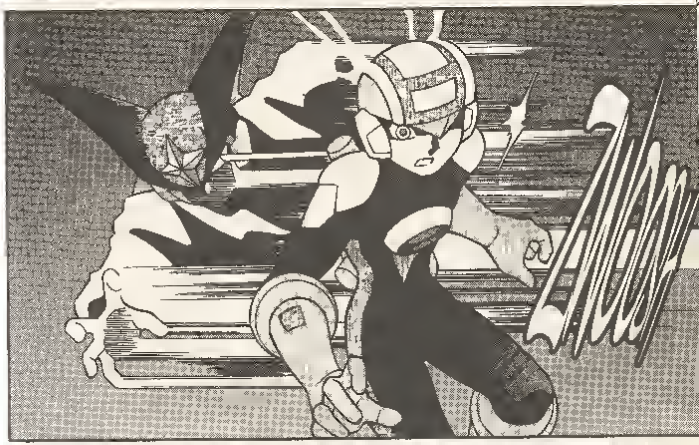

GRRR!
...FOR YOU HAVE NOT...
...SATISFIED THIS HUNGER AND THIRST...
!
I AM...
...DISAPPOINTED...

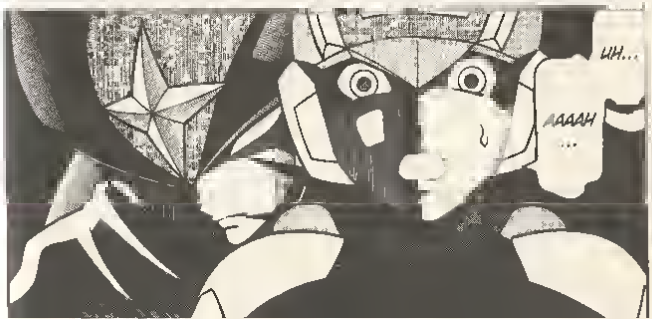

HIS FORM !!
IT'S BECOME ...
KROOSH!
... OR ERASED THIS RAGE AND HATRED!!!


KRUNG
FOOSH
YAA-AH!!

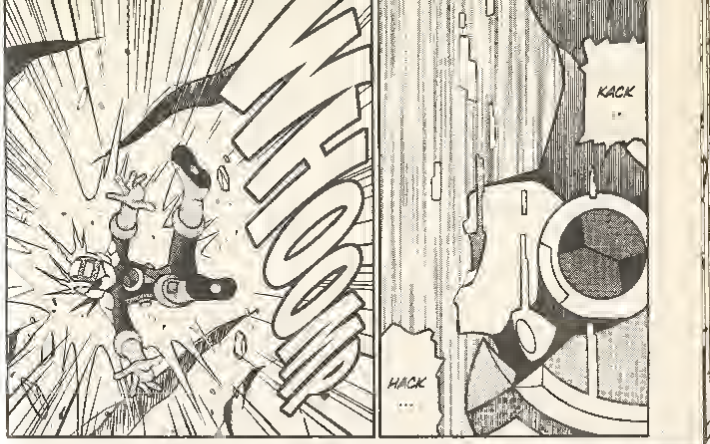


...THE STRONGER BASS BECOMES !!!
THE MORE POWER-FUL HIS ENEMY IS...

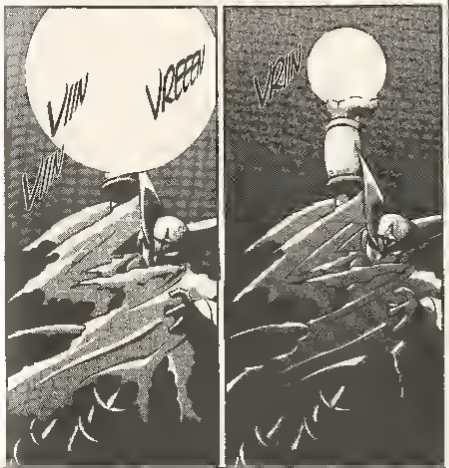

ALOOF


UH...
AAAAH...

ZRAK ZRAK
UH ...
...OH ...
ZRAK
ZRAK
...BOY ...!!
WHAT'S LEFT IS GNAWED BONE!!!


KACK ..
HACK ...

...YOU WERE ONLY MEAT ON MY PLATE.
IN THE END...


VRRR
VRRR
VRRR

OH, . . OH GOSH!
!
BRUM BRUM BRUM BRUM BRUM
...MEGA-MAN.
PREPARE TO DIE...
...I'VE LOST IT!!
THE HUB-STYLE ...!
EARTHBREAKER!!!

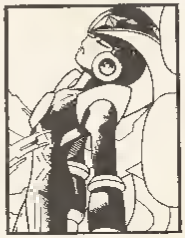
THE STRONGEST OF NETNAVIS

SECRETS OF BASS

OTHER THAN HIS REP AS "THE UNDERNET'S STRONGEST NETNAVI," HE IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF HIS STRENGTH...?!

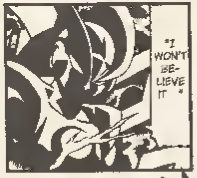
▲ HE WAS TOO ADVANCED...

▲ THE ONLY PERSON WHO UNDERSTOOD HIM



▲ BASS WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST INDEPENDENT NETNAVI, AND ONLY OPENED UP TO HIS CREATOR DOCTOR COSSACK...

1 TRIKSTING FOR REVENGE AGAINST HUMANS, HE SEEKS EVEN GREATER STRENGTH!!



▲ AND WAS NEARLY EXECUTED AS A REBEL!!

2 THE GET ABILITY PROGRAM!!

▲ A PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS BASS TO ACQUIRE THE POWERS OF ANY OPPONENT!!

3 EARTH-BREAKER

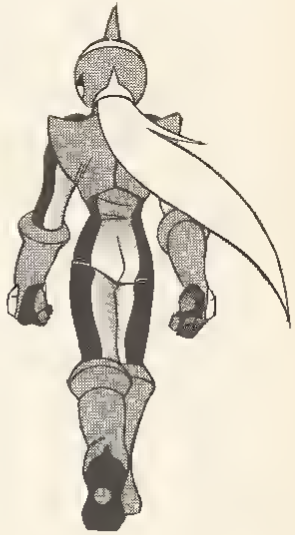
▲ THE EARTHBREAKER IS A TREMENDOUSLY DESTRUCTIVE TECHNIQUE THAT SEEMS TO MIRROR THE DARKNESS IN BASS'S SOUL!!

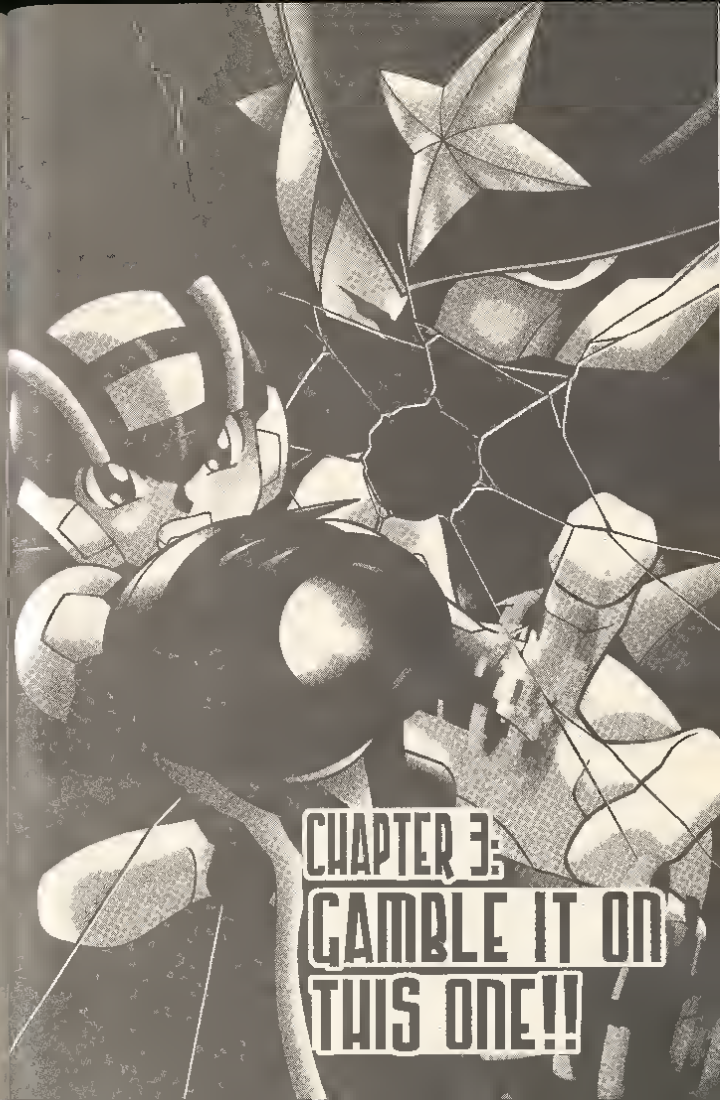
▲ GETS MEGAMAN'S ABILITY AND BECOMES BASS HUBSTYLE!!

BASS'S SECRETS REVEALED!!

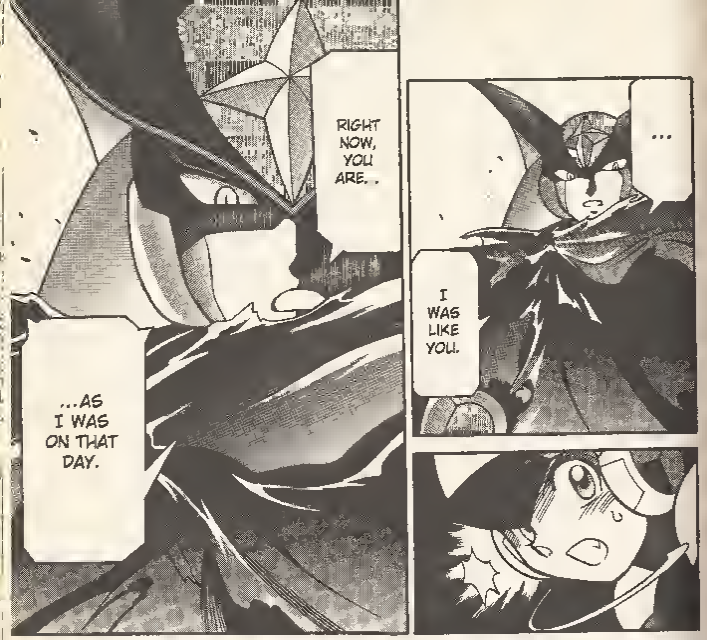
BASS THE STRONGEST: AND HE'LL PROVE IT!

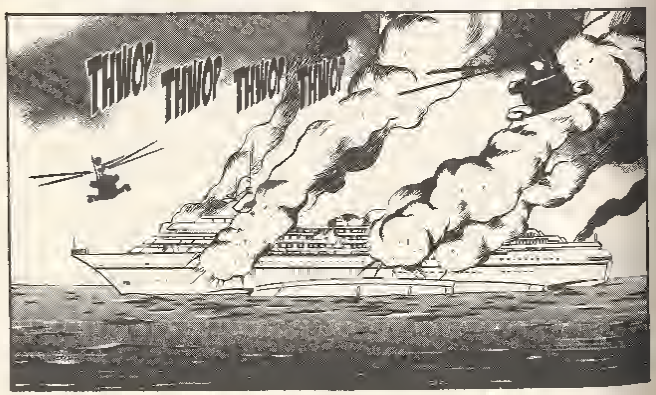
TO BE RECORDED IN VOLUME 6!!

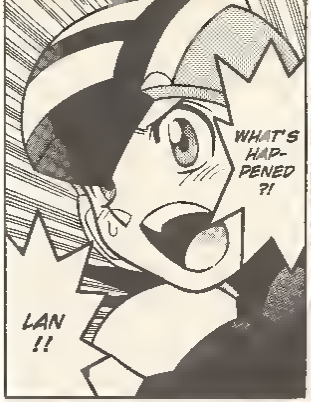


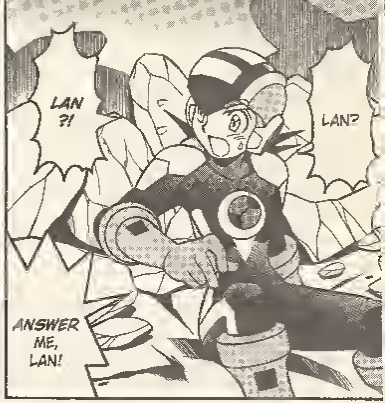


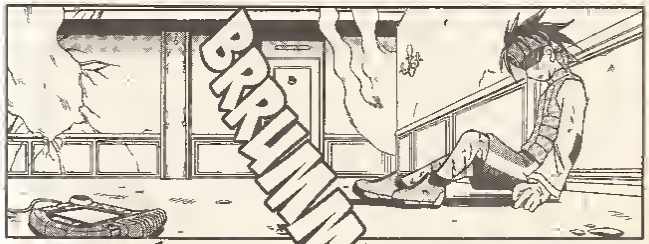
CHAPTER 3: GAMBLE IT ON THIS ONE!!

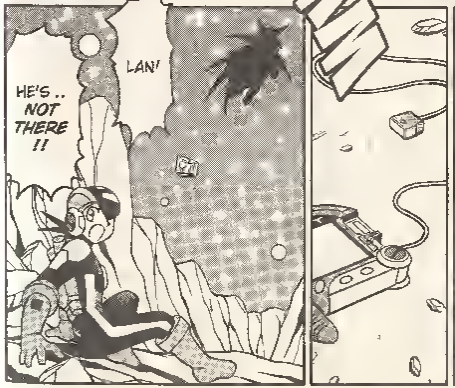

RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE..
...AS I WAS ON THAT DAY.
...
I WAS LIKE YOU.

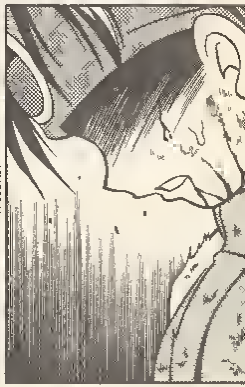

THWOP THWOP THWOP THWOP

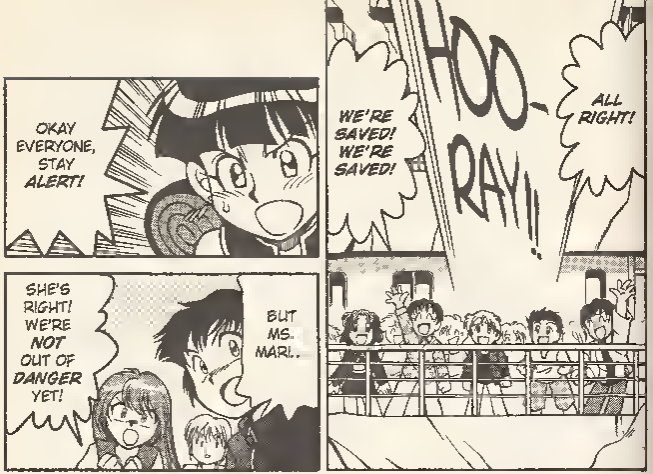

WHAT'S HAP-PENED ?!
LAN !!

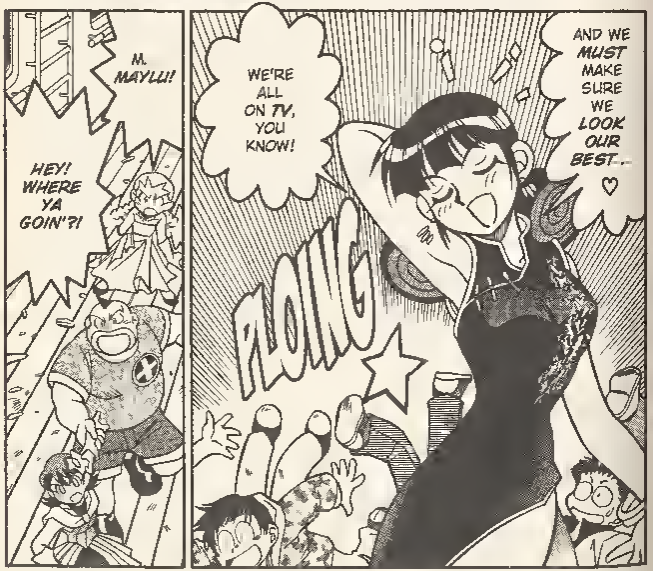

LAN ?!
LAN?
ANSWER ME, LAN!

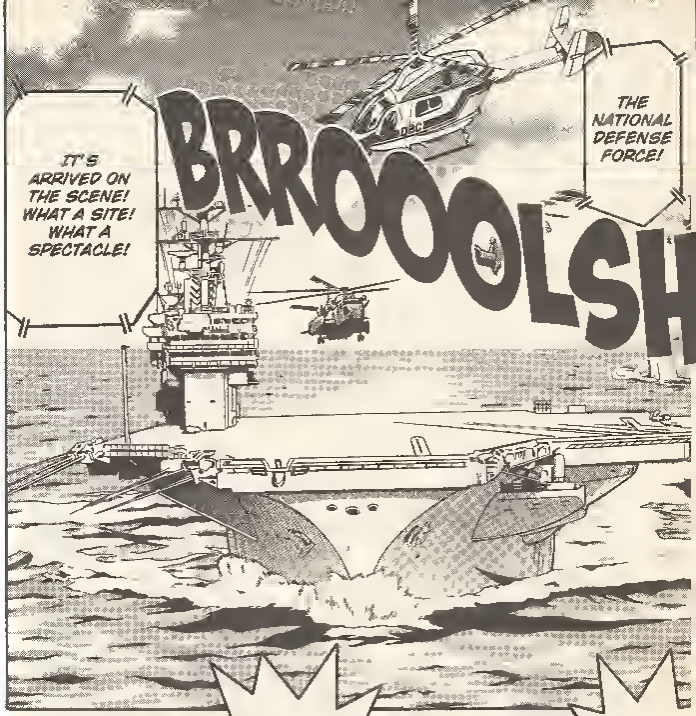

BRRUMMM

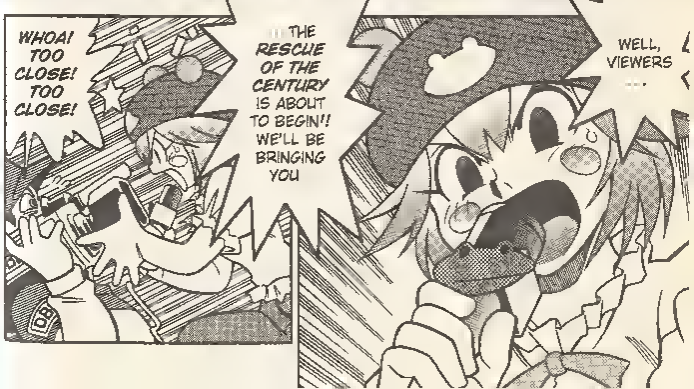

LAN!
HE'S .. NOT THERE !!

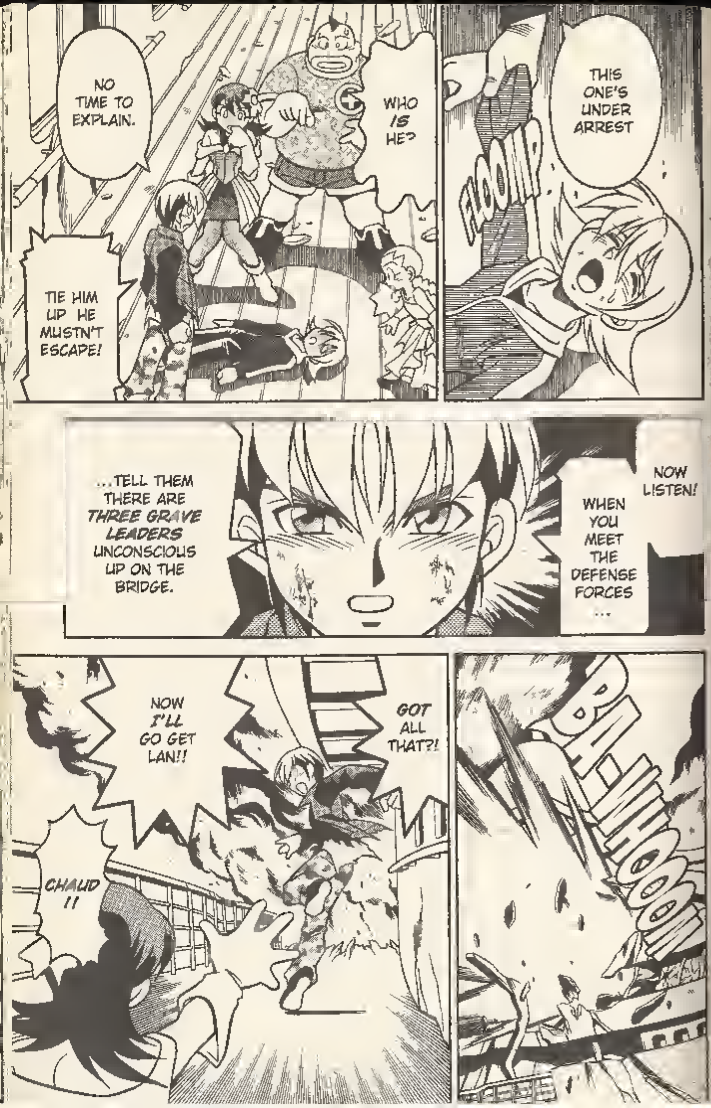


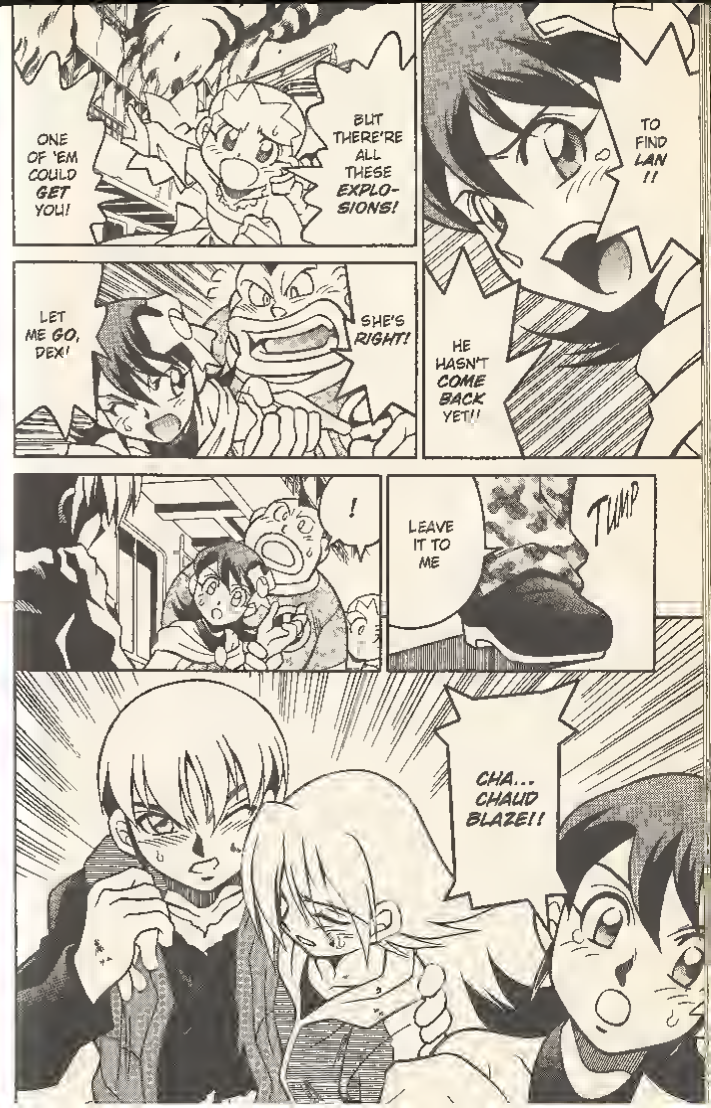

OKAY EVERYONE, STAY ALERT!
WE'RE SAVED! WE'RE SAVED!
HOO-RAY!!
ALL RIGHT!
SHE'S RIGHT! WE'RE NOT OUT OF DANGER YET!
BUT MS. MARI..


M. MAYLU!
HEY! WHERE YA GOIN'?!
WE'RE ALL ON TV, YOU KNOW!
ZLOING
AND WE MUST MAKE SURE WE LOOK OUR BEST... ♡


IT'S ARRIVED ON THE SCENE! WHAT A SITE! WHAT A SPECTACLE!
BRROOOOLSH
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE!


WHOA! TOO CLOSE! TOO CLOSE!
THE RESCUE OF THE CENTURY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!! WE'LL BE BRINGING YOU
WELL, VIEWERS ...

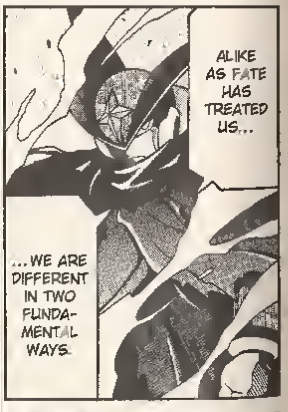

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN.
WHO IS HE?
TIE HIM UP HE MUSTN'T ESCAPE!
THIS ONE'S UNDER ARREST
FLOOM!?
NOW LISTEN!
WHEN YOU MEET THE DEFENSE FORCES ...
...TELL THEM THERE ARE THREE GRAVE LEADERS UNCONSCIOUS UP ON THE BRIDGE.
NOW I'LL GO GET LAN!!
GOT ALL THAT?!
CHAUD !!
BLAMOOOM!!

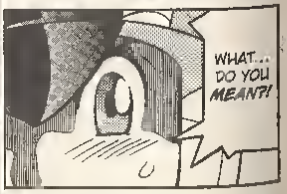

ONE OF 'EM COULD GET YOU!
BUT THERE'RE ALL THESE EXPLO-SIONS!
LET ME GO, DEX!
SHE'S RIGHT!
TO FIND LAN !!
HE HASN'T COME BACK YET!!
!
LEAVE IT TO ME
THMP
CHA... CHAUD BLAZE!!

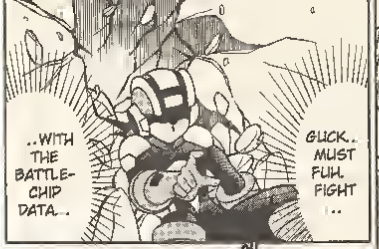
. AND THE DOOM OF DELETION !!!
BRING-ING ON DESPAIR AND HATRED. .
YOU ARE AS I WAS !!!!
YIIE-EEE !!
SHOOM
THE PERSON YOU TRUSTED ...
... BETRAY-ING YOU!!
ABAN-DONING YOU!!

SWASH

FIRST, I WAS A "SOLO NETNAVI," ABLE TO UTILIZE 100% OF MY POWER..
...WITHOUT HAVING TO DEPEND ON A HUMAN!
KRING


ALIKE AS FATE HAS TREATED US...
...WE ARE DIFFERENT IN TWO FUNDA-MENTAL WAYS.


WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?!

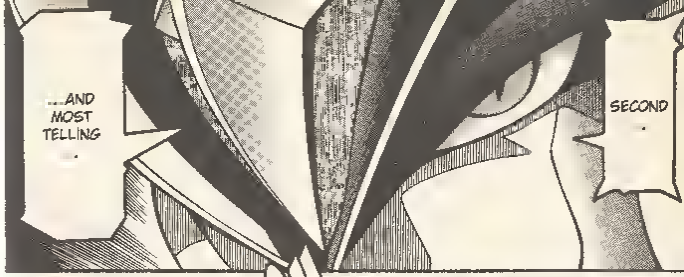

..WITH THE BATTLE-CHIP DATA..
GUCK.. MUST FUH. FIGHT ..

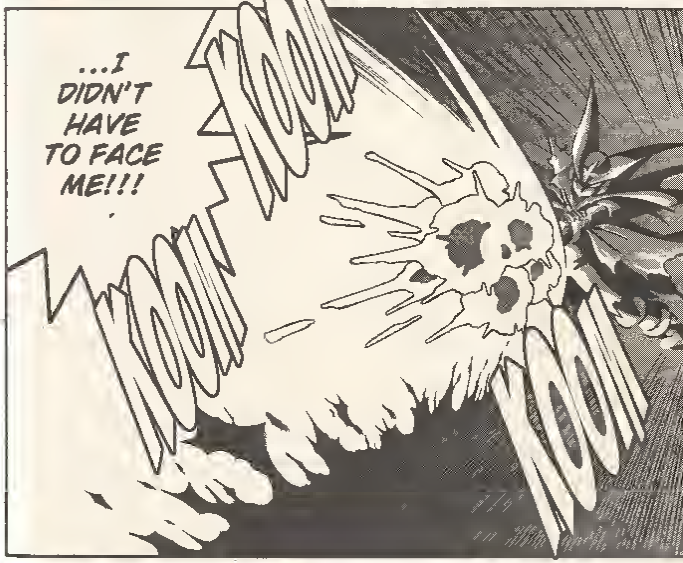
VRUN VRUN VRUN
..I HAVE ON-BOARD!!

I FEAR ..
...YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE AS I DID.

M-CANNON !!
ZA-KROOM

BI-KOOM
YACK!
LAN !!!
WHERE ARE YOU? LAN!!
OH NO ...!!

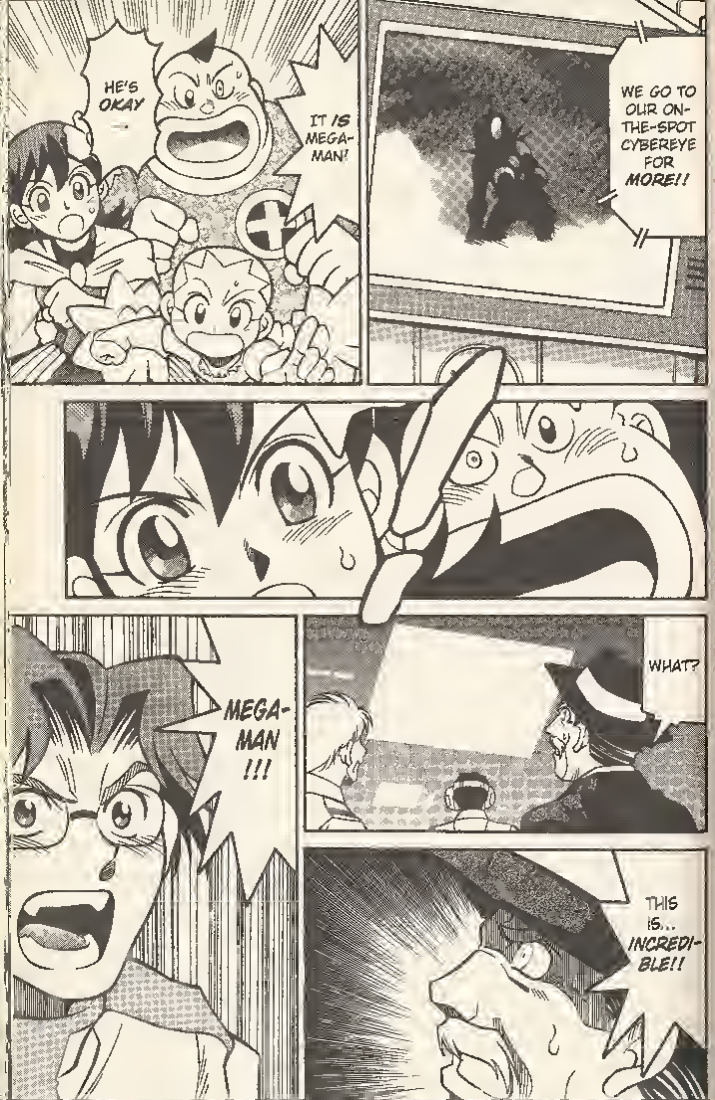

...AND MOST TELLING
SECOND

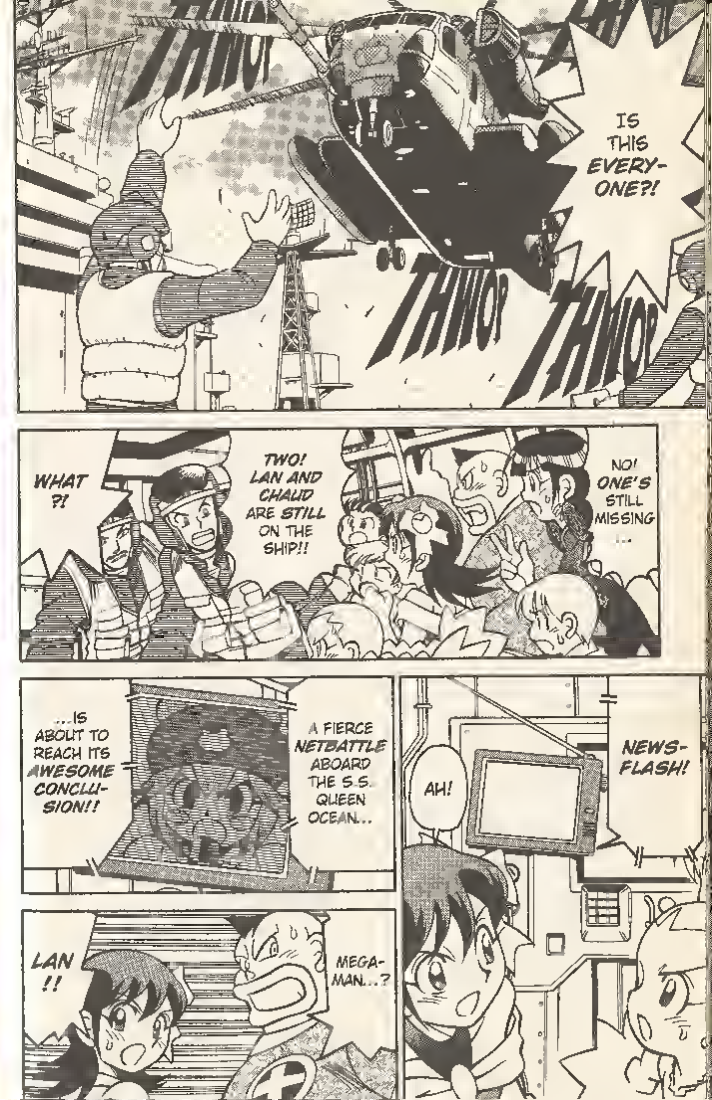

...I DIDN'T HAVE TO FACE ME!!!
KOOM KOOM KOOM

YAA-AGH !!!

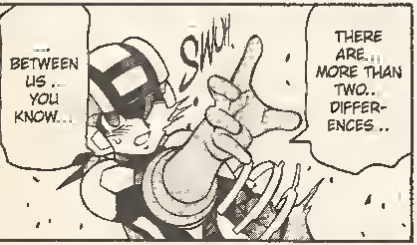
...!
HUH... LILIINN ...
THIS SHIP'S HAD IT!
AH...
WAIT! DON'T GO BACK !!
YOU'LL DIE!!
WHAT'RE ...?
Huff
Huff
Huff
I LET GO GOTTA
STUMBLE
!
NEED A SEC TO...
SCUFF SCUFF
NO I'LL JUST

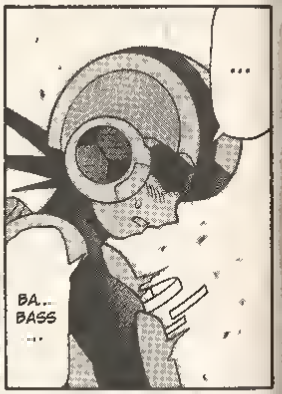
LAN !!
SO THAT'S THE PRICE OF ACHIEVING PERFECT-SYNCHRO!!
HE'S BADLY TORN UP!!
...WE'RE BOTH OUTTA HERE!
YOU'RE STILL BREATH-ING, THOUGH, SO C'MON..


HE'S OKAY
IT IS MEGA-MAN!
WE GO TO OUR ON-THE-SPOT CYBEREYE FOR MORE!!
MEGA-MAN !!!
WHAT?
THIS IS... INCREDI-BLE!!

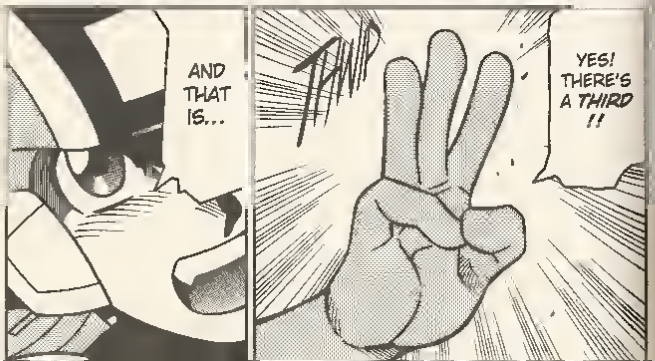

THWOP
THWOP
THWOP
IS THIS EVERY-ONE?!
WHAT ?!
TWO! LAN AND CHAUD ARE STILL ON THE SHIP!!
NO! ONE'S STILL MISSING ...
...IS ABOUT TO REACH ITS AWESOME CONCLU-SION!!
A FIERCE NETBATTLE ABOARD THE S.S. QUEEN OCEAN...
NEWS-FLASH!
AH!
LAN !!
MEGA-MAN...?

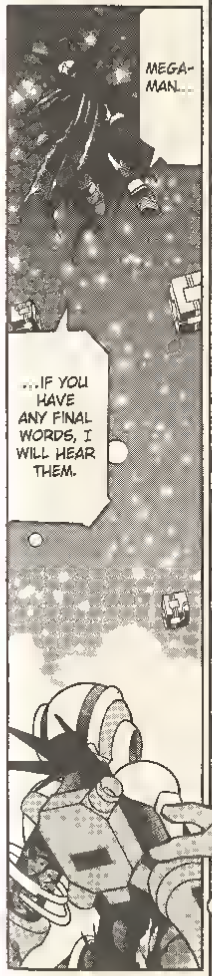
...AND THE BLACKEST DESPAIR!!
SPEAK OF ANGER, HATRED...

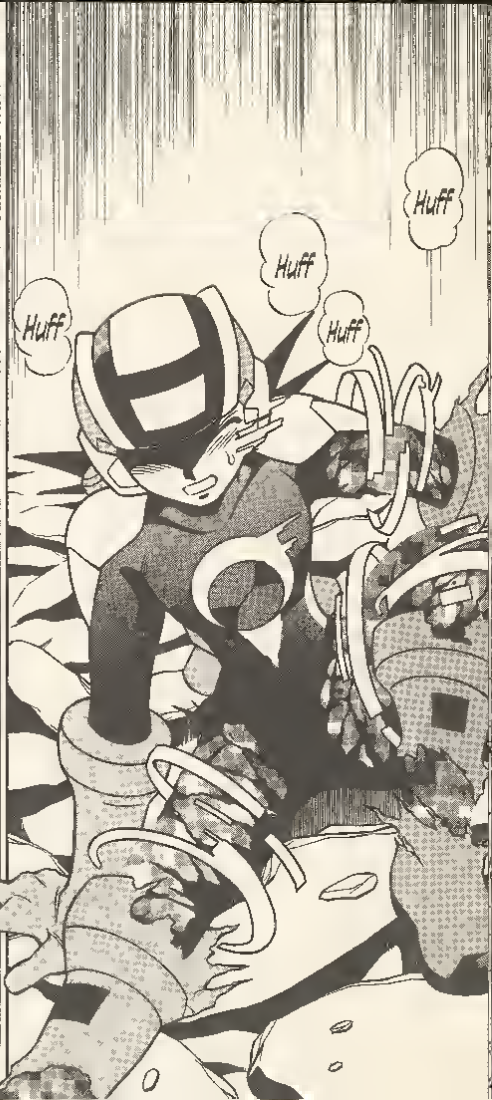

...BETWEEN US.. YOU KNOW...
SMACK
THERE ARE... MORE THAN TWO.. DIFFER-ENCES ..

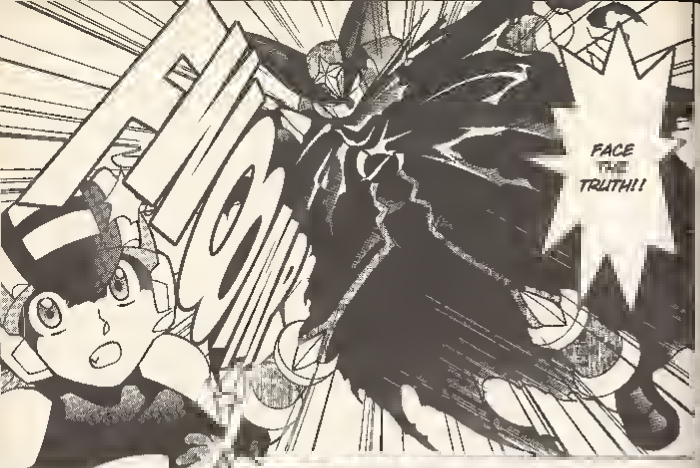

...
BA.. BASS ...

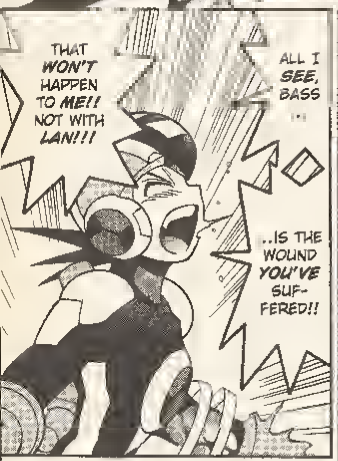
OH?


AND THAT IS...
TPANG
YES! THERE'S A THIRD !!


MEGA-MAN...
...IF YOU HAVE ANY FINAL WORDS, I WILL HEAR THEM.


Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff


FACE THE TRUTH!!

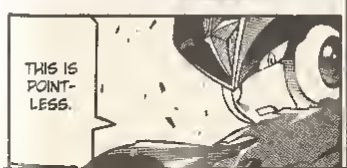

THAT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME!! NOT WITH LAN!!!
ALL I SEE, BASS ..!!
..IS THE WOUND YOU'VE SUF-FERED!!

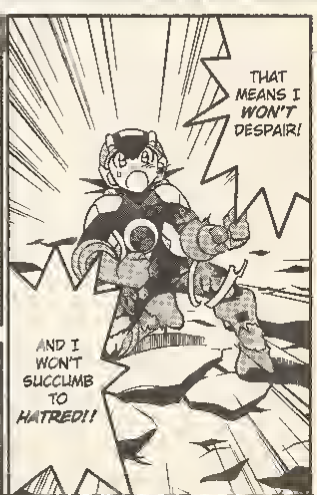
SEE THIS SCAR?! THE PERFECT PROOF OF HUMAN BETRAYAL !!!

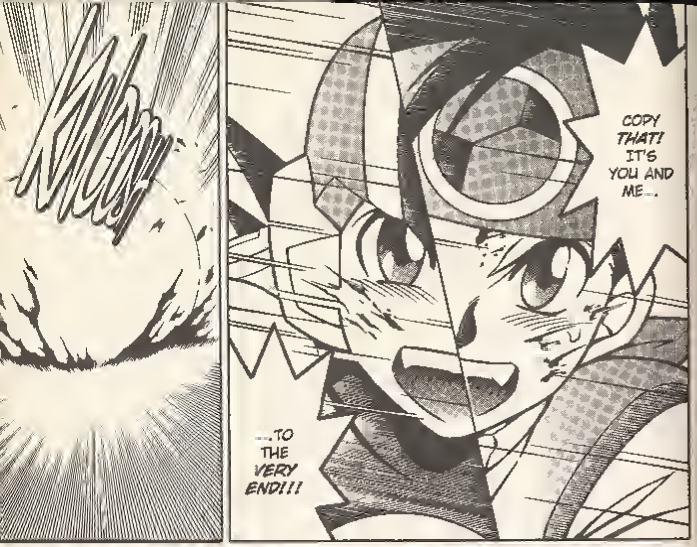
THAT'S RIGHT!

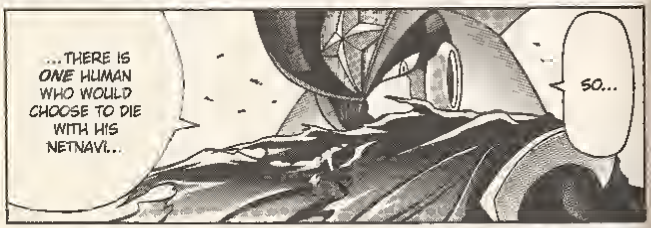
...I HAVE LAN !!!!

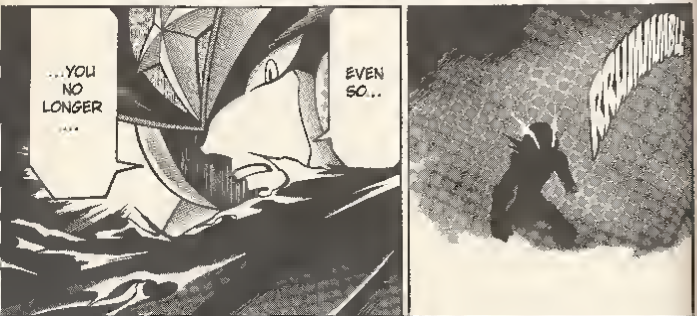
I BELIEVE IN LAN!!

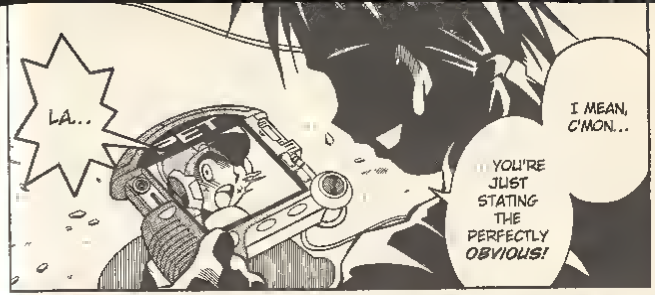

THIS IS POINT-LESS.

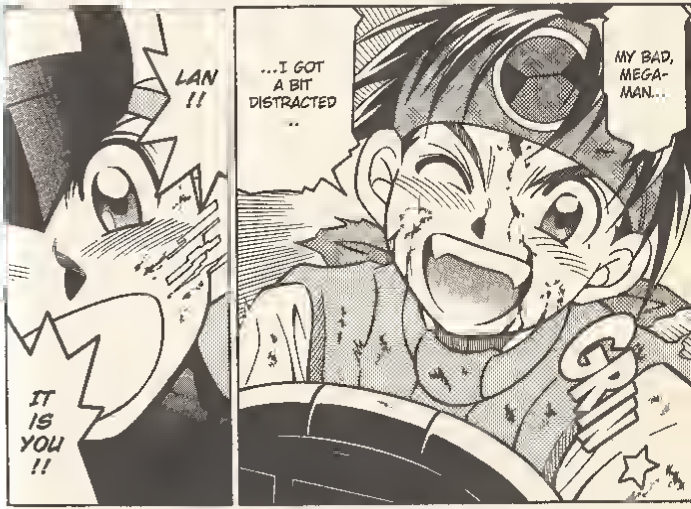

THAT MEANS I WON'T DESPAIR!
AND I WON'T SUCCUMB TO HATRED!!

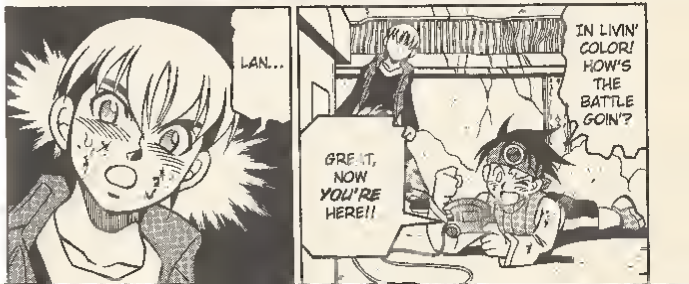

COPY THAT! IT'S YOU AND ME...
...TO THE VERY END!!!


...THERE IS ONE HUMAN WHO WOULD CHOOSE TO DIE WITH HIS NETNAVI...
SO...

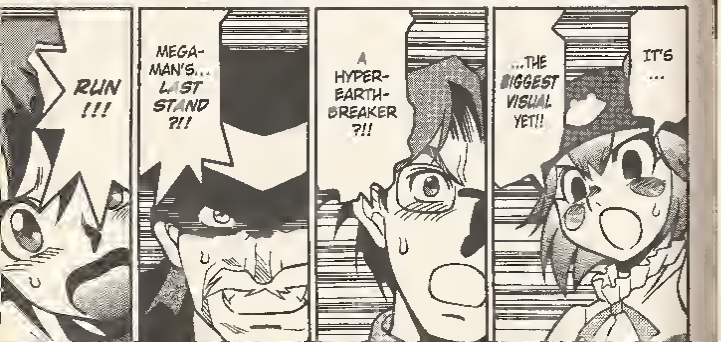

...YOU NO LONGER ...
EVEN SO..
RUMMMBLE

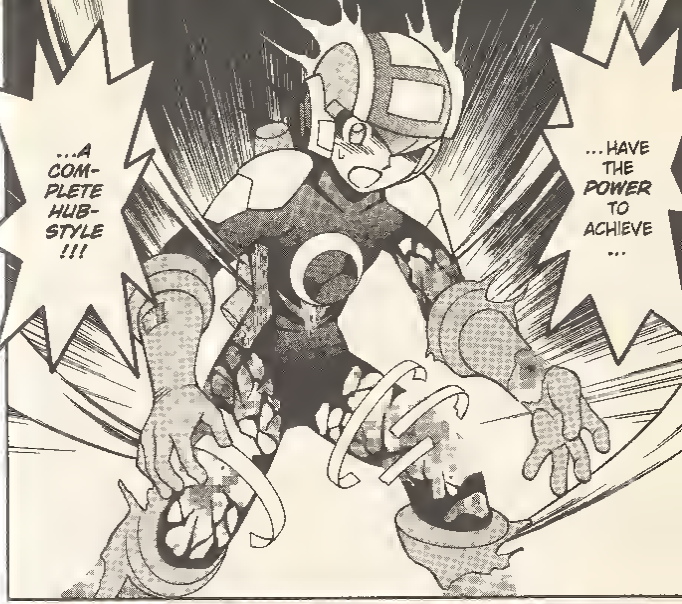

I MEAN, C'MON...
YOU'RE JUST STATING THE PERFECTLY OBVIOUS!
LA...

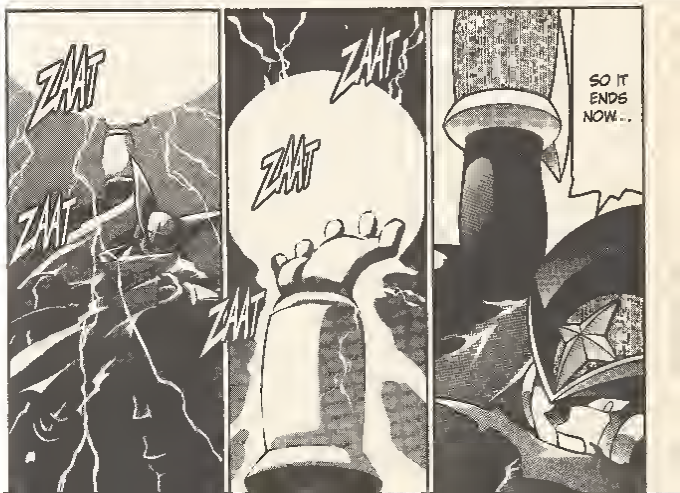

LAN !!
IT IS YOU !!
...I GOT A BIT DISTRACTED ..
MY BAD, MEGA-MAN...
GRIN

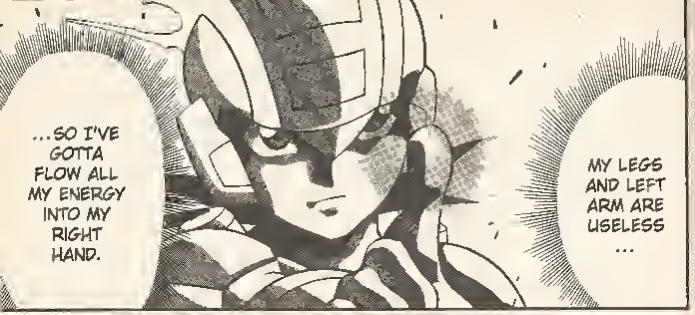

LAN...
IN LIVIN' COLOR! HOW'S THE BATTLE GOIN'?
GREAT, NOW YOU'RE HERE!!

VZAAT VZAAT VZAAT VZAAT
AND MY QUEST WILL CONTINUE !!!
...IN YOUR ABJECT DEFEAT!

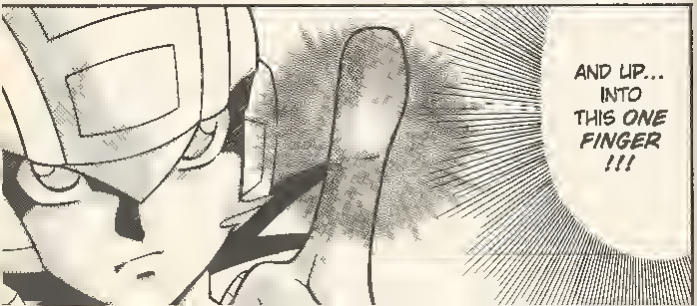

RUN !!!
MEGA-MAN'S... LAST STAND ?!!
A HYPER-EARTH-BREAKER ?!!
...THE BIGGEST VISUAL YET!!
IT'S ...

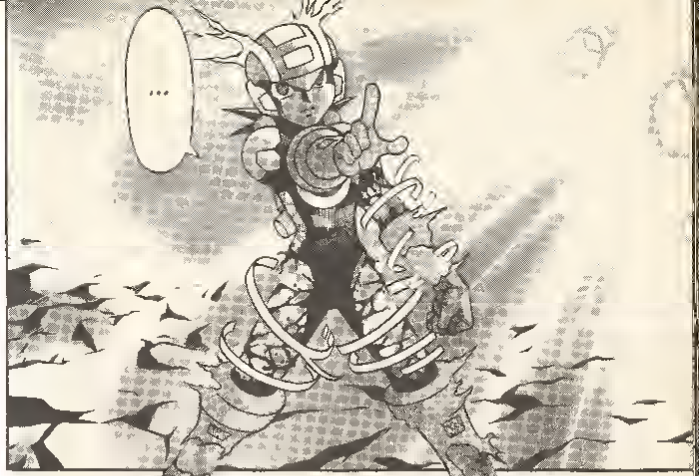

...A COM-PLETE HUB-STYLE !!!
...HAVE THE POWER TO ACHIEVE ...


ZAAT
ZAAT
ZAAT
ZAAT
SO IT ENDS NOW...

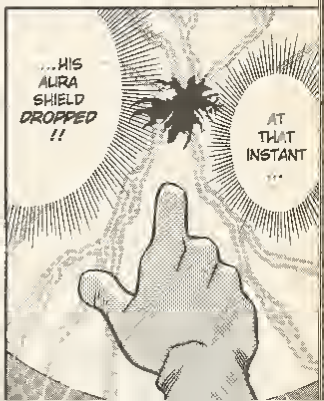

...SO I'VE GOTTA FLOW ALL MY ENERGY INTO MY RIGHT HAND.
MY LEGS AND LEFT ARM ARE USELESS ...

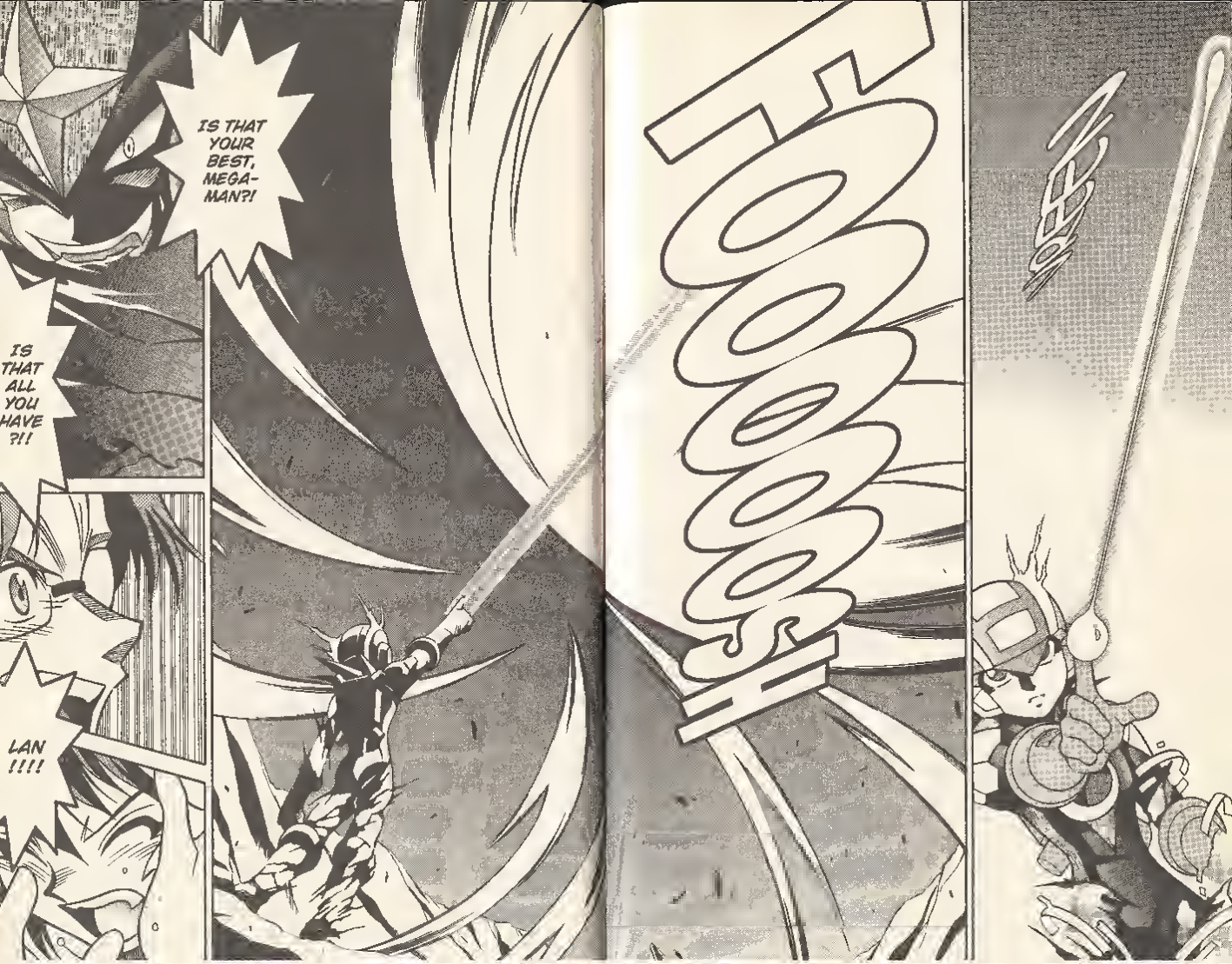
...I TAKE REVENGE ON ALL HUMANITY !!!!
RAAA


AND UP... INTO THIS ONE FINGER !!!

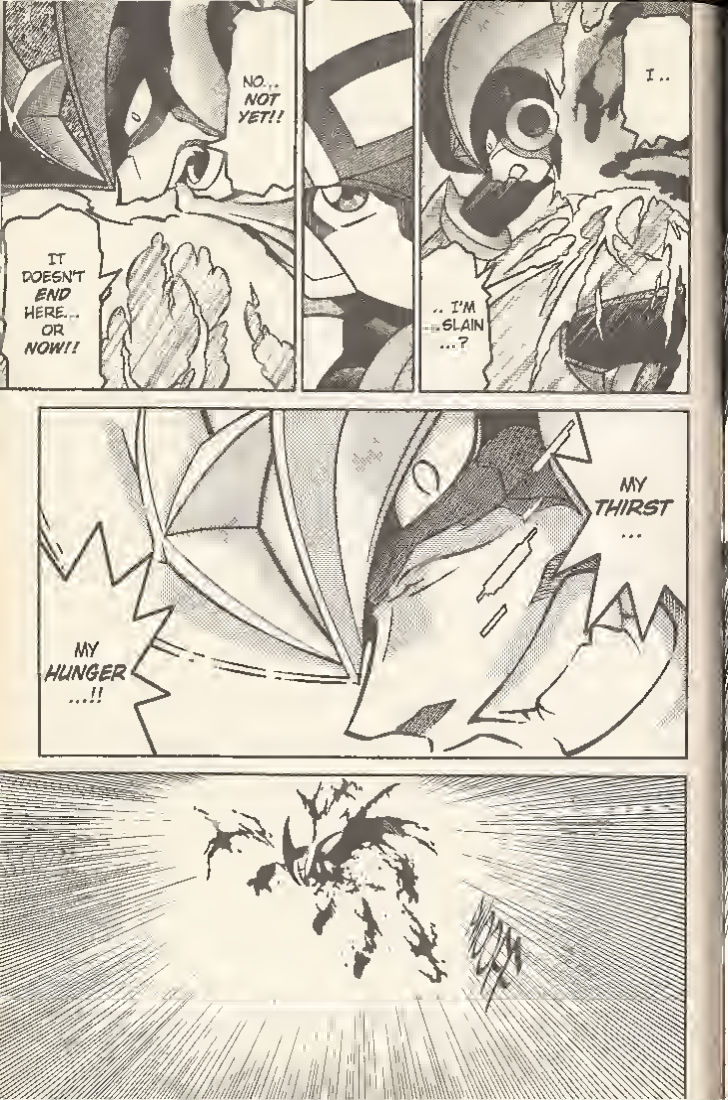

...
...THE COLOR OF HIS CAPE FADED THE TINIEST BIT.
WHEN HURLING THE EARTH-BREAKER ...

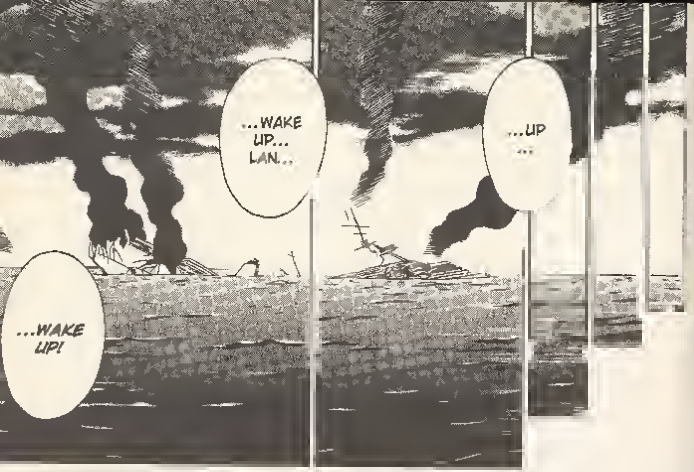
I WILL SEEK OUT GREATER POWER...
...TO BRING TO THAT DAY WHEN...

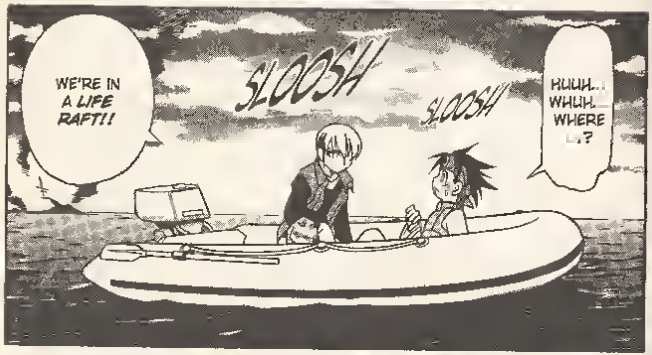

...HIS AURA SHIELD DROPPED !!
AT THAT INSTANT ...

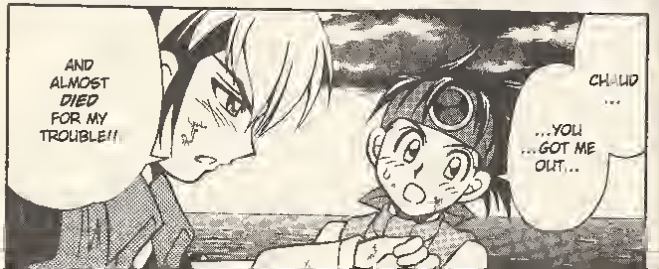

IS THAT YOUR BEST, MEGA-MAN?!
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE ?!!
LAN !!!!
FOOOOOSH

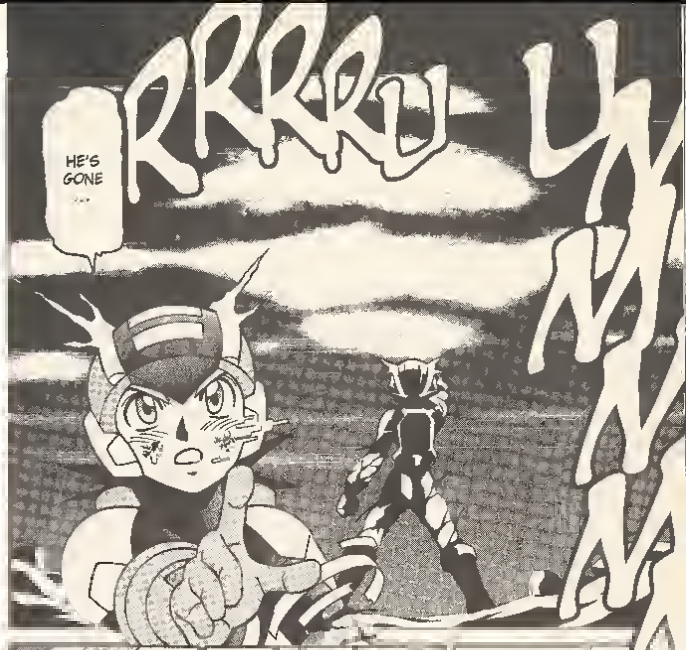
WREEZEEPARUUNG
WHAT ?!!


NO... NOT YET!!
IT DOESN'T END HERE... OR NOW!!
I..
.. I'M SLAIN ...?
MY THIRST ...
MY HUNGER ...!!


...WAKE UP...
LAN...
...UP ...
...WAKE UP!

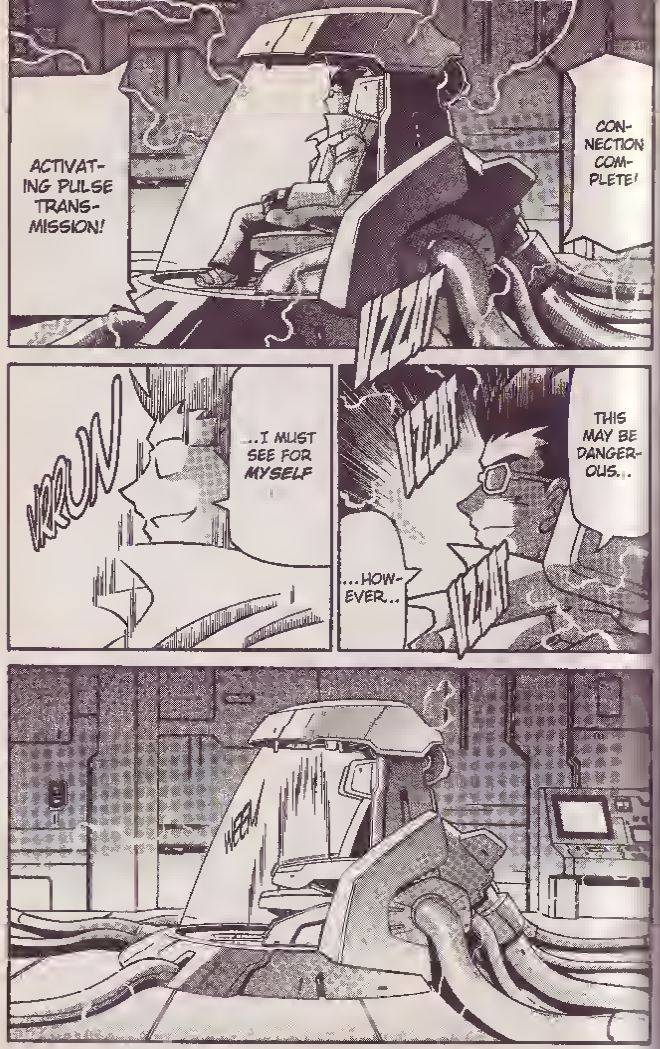

WE'RE IN A LIFE RAFT!!
SLOOSH
SLOOSH
HUUH... WHUH... WHERE ...?


AND ALMOST DIED FOR MY TROUBLE!!
CHAUD ...
...YOU ...GOT ME OUT...


RRRRU
HE'S GONE ...

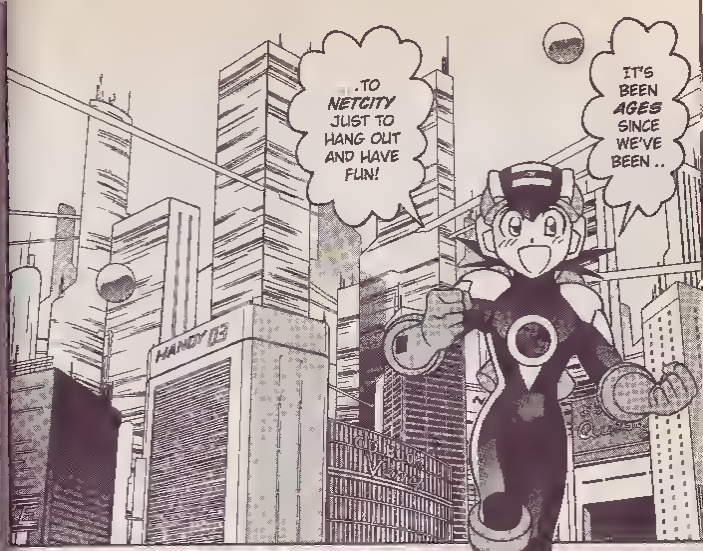
...WON ...
...THE ...BOTH OF US...
THUMP
WE... DID IT, LAN...
BUMP

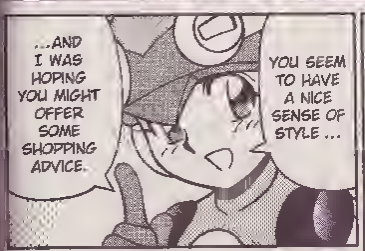
...I HAVE A FEELING ...
LAN...
SAME HERE, MEGA-MAN.
ANOTHER BATTLE'S WON.
WELL.
WE BEAT HIM THIS TIME, BUT HE'LL BE BACK...
...AND NEXT TIME, WHO KNOWS?
LAN!
MEGA-MAN!
SIGH
I RETRIEVED THIS, TOO!!
HERE!
CLANG!
HEY!!
AS YOU WISH ...
DON'T GO THERE, PROTO-MAN.
...WITH ALL THE "GOODIES," DIDN'T THEY
PET
GRAVE AND BASS GOT AWAY..
LAN!
HEY, LAN!!

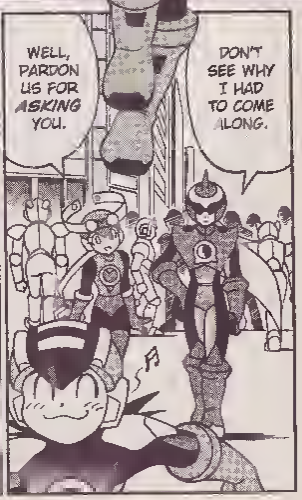


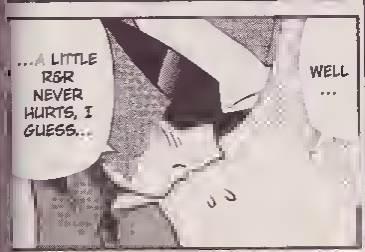
CHAPTER 4: THE SHOCK OF BEING CALLED POWERLESS

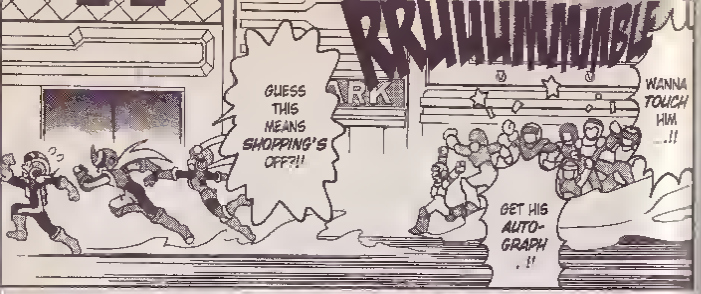
WHO'S HERE? WHO?!
HEY! IS THAT ...?
GLANCE GLANCE
IS IT A NETNAVI POP IDOL?!
WHICH? WHERE?
IT IS!! RIGHT HERE BIG AS LIFE!! BIGGER !!!
RA HHHH
THE CHAMP !!
!!
LOOK! THERE HE IS!!

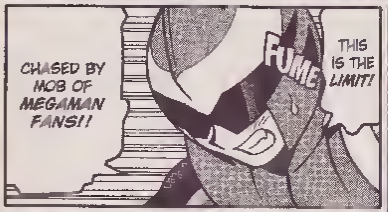

...TO NETCITY JUST TO HANG OUT AND HAVE FUN!
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE WE'VE BEEN ..
HANDY 03

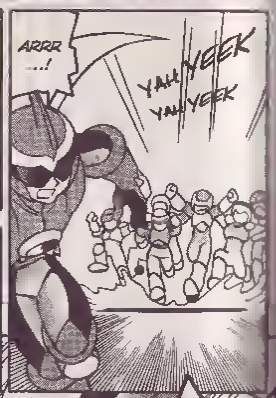

...AND I WAS HOPING YOU MIGHT OFFER SOME SHOPPING ADVICE.
YOU SEEM TO HAVE A NICE SENSE OF STYLE ...


WELL, PARDON US FOR ASKING YOU.
DON'T SEE WHY I HAD TO COME ALONG.

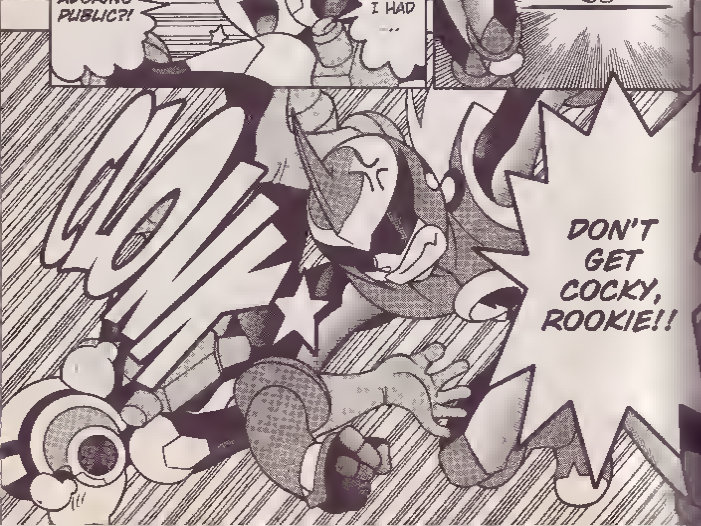

...A LITTLE R&R NEVER HURTS, I GUESS...
WELL ...


RRUUUMMMBLE
GUESS THIS MEANS SHOPPING'S OFF?!!
WANNA TOUCH HIM...!!
GET HIS AUTO-GRAPH..!!

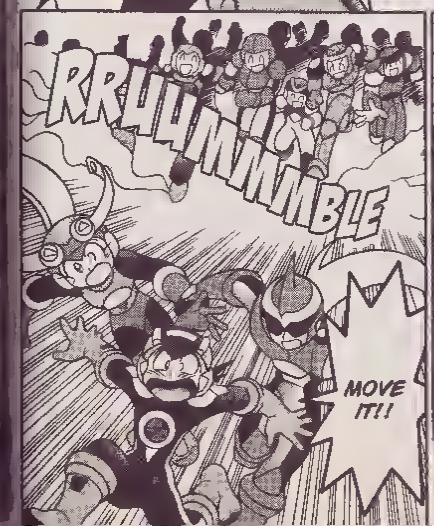

CHASED BY MOB OF MEGAMAN FANS!!
FUME
THIS IS THE LIMIT!

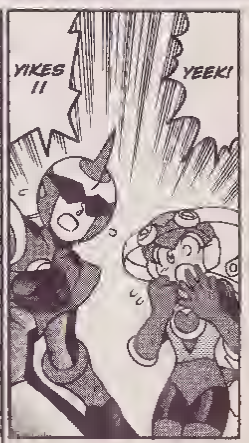

ARRR...!
YAH YEEK
YAH YEEK

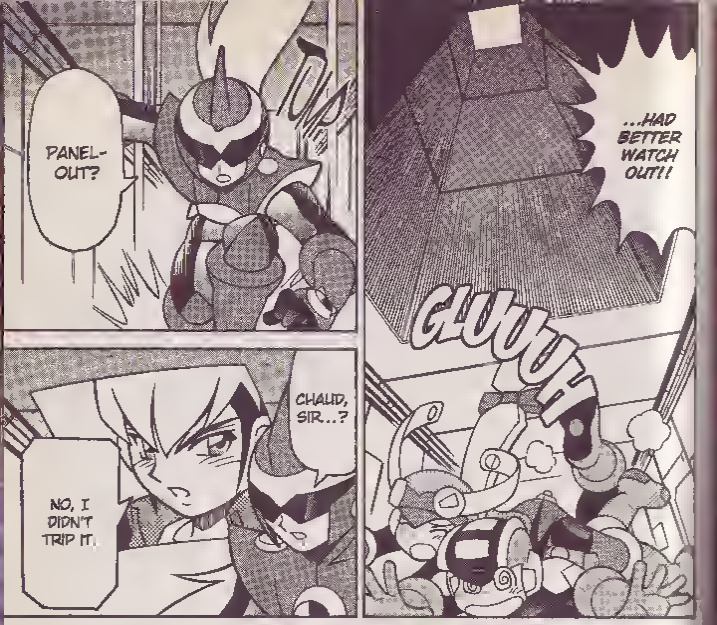
...SUCH AN ADORING PUBLIC?!
WHO KNEW I HAD...
HEE HEE

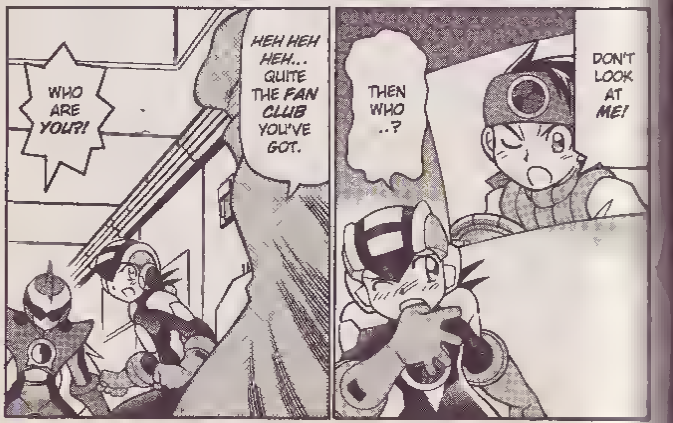

DON'T GET COCKY, ROOKIE!!

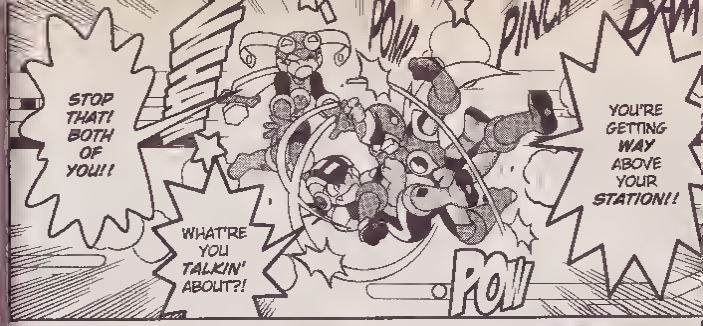
RRRUSH
Y... Y'MEAN ME?!!
THE NETNAVI WHO BEAT BASS !!!
MEGA-MAN! IN THE FLESH!!

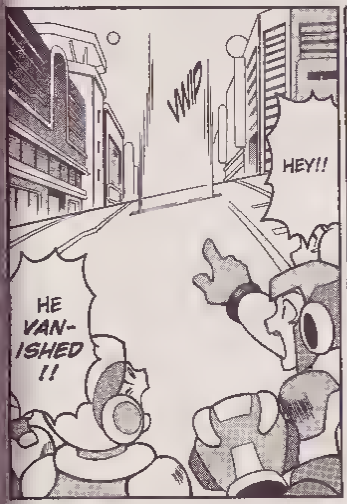

RRUUMMMBLE
MOVE IT!!


YIKES!!
YEEK!


PANEL-OUT?
...HAD BETTER WATCH OUT!!
GUUUH
NO, I DIDN'T TRIP IT.
CHALID, SIR..?

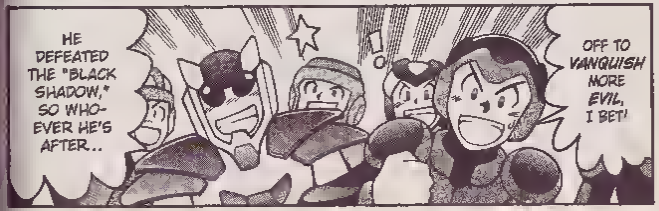

WHO ARE YOU?!
HEH HEH HEH... QUITE THE FAN CLUB YOU'VE GOT.
THEN WHO ..?
DON'T LOOK AT ME!

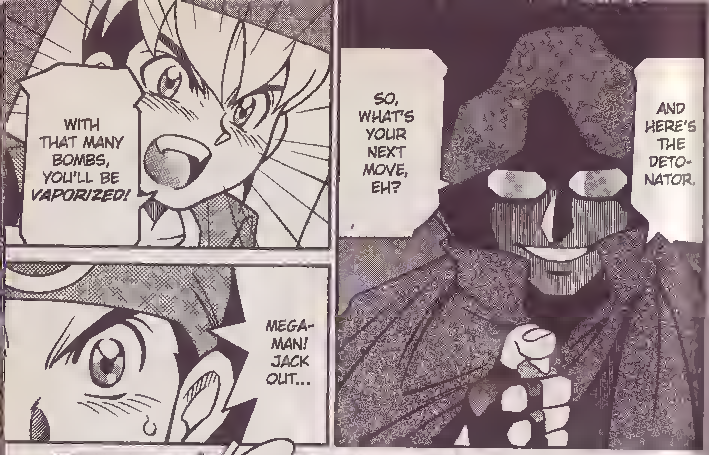

STOP THAT! BOTH OF YOU!!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?!
POW
PINCH
BAM
YOU'RE GETTING WAY ABOVE YOUR STATION!!

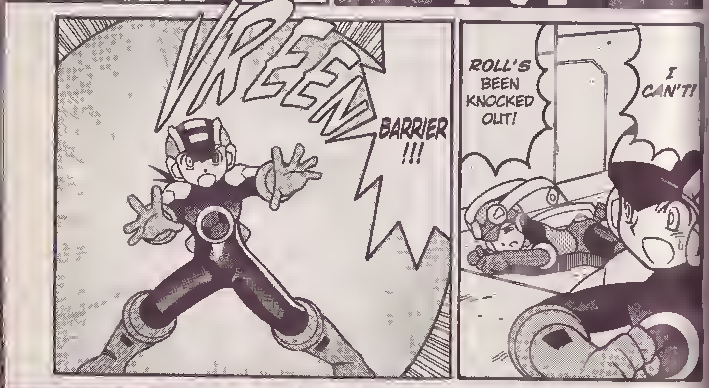

WHIP
HEY!!
HE VAN-ISHED !!

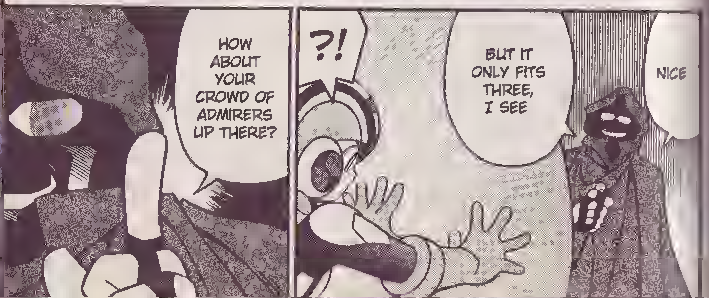
GLOOM

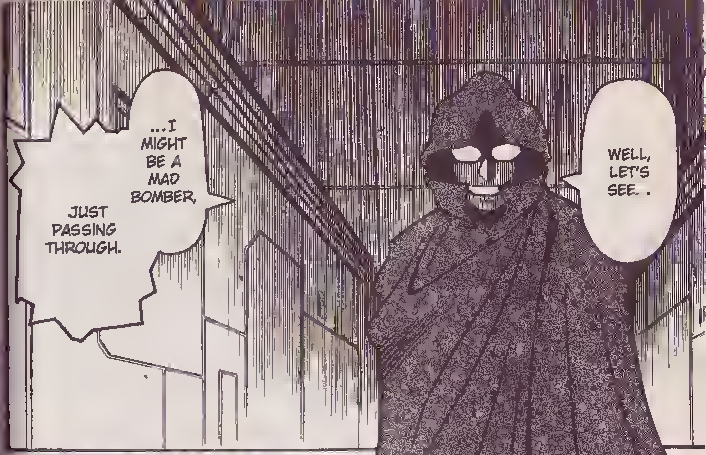
WOOPS ?!
SHOOP

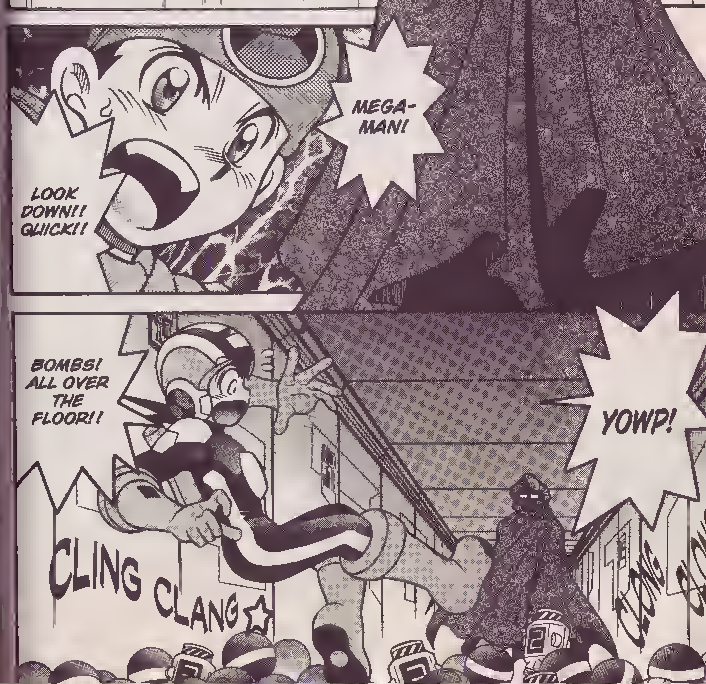

HE DEFEATED THE "BLACK SHADOW," SO WHO-EVER HE'S AFTER..
OFF TO VANQUISH MORE EVIL, I BET!


WITH THAT MANY BOMBS, YOU'LL BE VAPORIZED!
SO, WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE, EH?
AND HERE'S THE DETO-NATOR.
MEGA-MAN! JACK OUT...


VREEN
BARRIER !!!
ROLL'S BEEN KNOCKED OUT!
I CAN'T!!


HOW ABOUT YOUR CROWD OF ADMIRERS UP THERE?
?!
BUT IT ONLY FITS THREE, I SEE
NICE

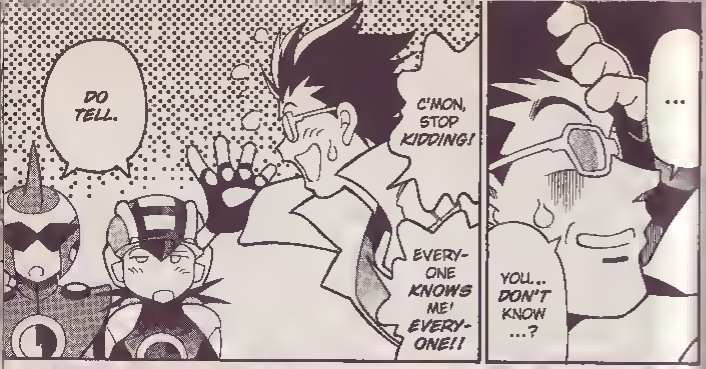

WELL, LET'S SEE. .
...I MIGHT BE A MAD BOMBER.
JUST PASSING THROUGH.


MEGA-MAN!
LOOK DOWN!! QUICK!!
BOMBS! ALL OVER THE FLOOR!!
YOWP!
CLING CLANG

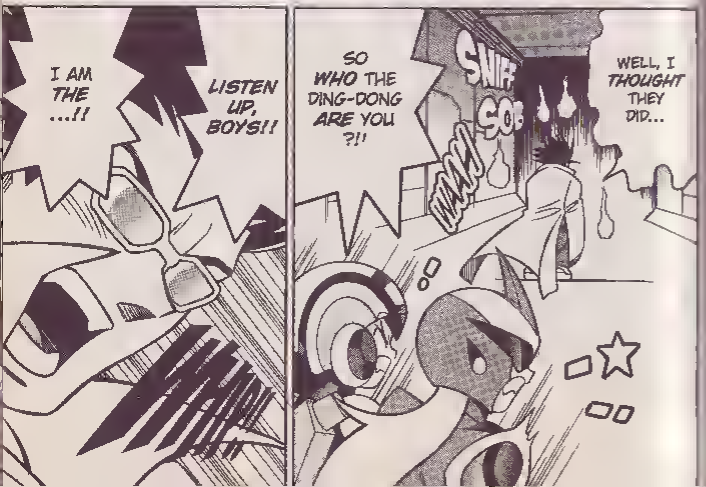
SQUEEZE...
HMM HMM...
WELL, TIME'S UP.
A DEFENSE AURA!!
BETTER TRY SOMETHING WITH A BIT MORE PUNCH.
STOOO-OOP!!!
NO!!
KA-BOOM
CLICK
ENOUGH TALK!! YOU MESS WITH ME...
KA-BOOM
...AND I'LL CUT YOU DOWN TO SIZE!!!
WHIZZ

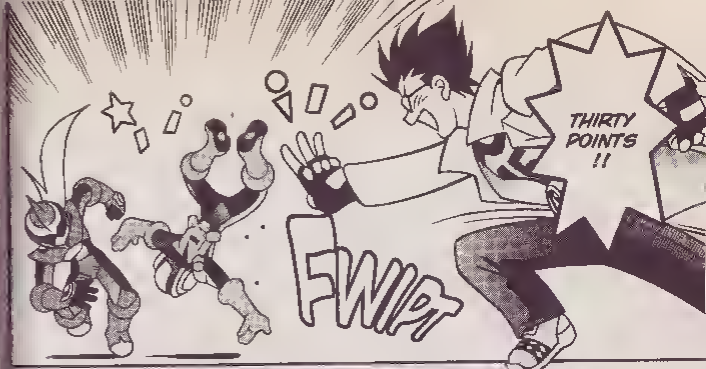
...GET INTO THE CYBER-NET?!
HOW'D HE..
MAYBE PSYCHO-TRANS-MISSION?
THAT GUY'S A HUMAN !!!
IT IS!!
TEST ...?
HS?!
ALLOWS ME TO COME IN AND TEST YOU TWO.
SOME-THING LIKE IT, YES.
WOOSH
AND PROTO-MAN!!
MEGA-MAN !!
RRRR

HUH ...?
FOO-OOM!
KA-BAM!
BA-WHAM !
BRAAP ♡
BOOM BOOM ♡
TOYS?! ARRGH !!!
THEY'RE JUST TOOOYS. ♡
DID I SUR-PRISE YOU?!
DID I STARTLE YOU?!
COULDN'T BE!!
IS THAT ...?
EH?
QUIVER QUIVER
GULLH ...

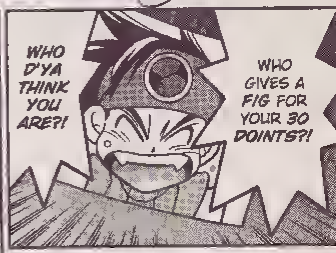

DO TELL.
C'MON, STOP KIDDING!
EVERY-ONE KNOWS ME! EVERY-ONE!!
...
YOU... DON'T KNOW ...?

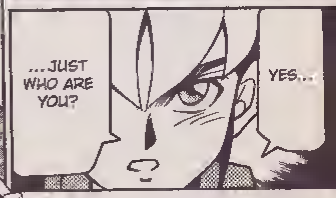
PHOOMM


I AM THE ...!!
LISTEN UP, BOYS!!
SO WHO THE DING-DONG ARE YOU ?!!
SWIP
WELL, I THOUGHT THEY DID...

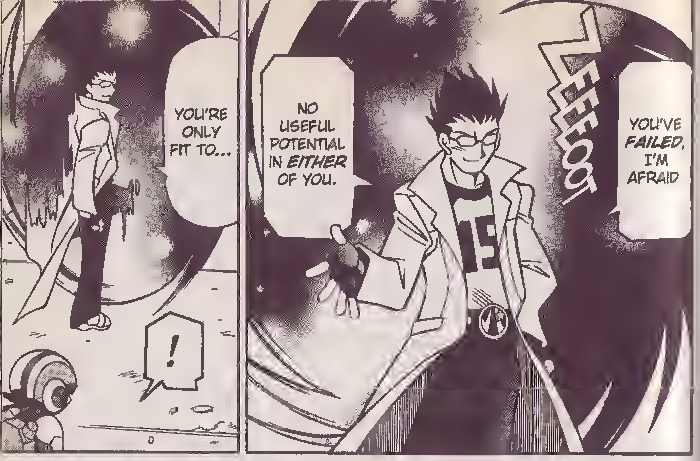

FWIP
THIRTY POINTS !!

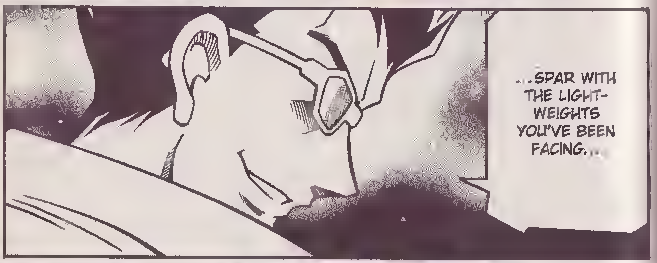
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHO I AM!!
HA HA HA! THAT, AS YOU SAY, IS LAME!

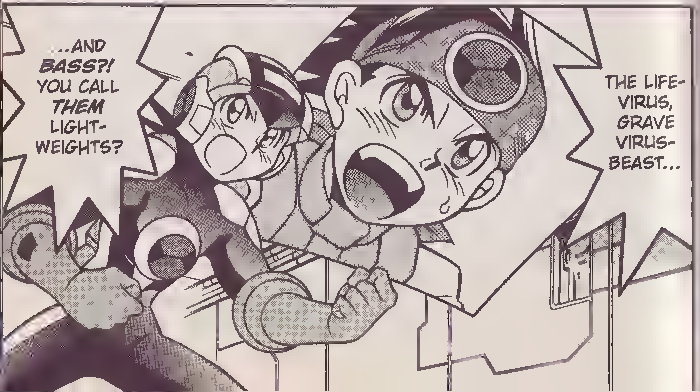

WHO D'YA THINK YOU ARE?!
WHO GIVES A FIG FOR YOUR 30 POINTS?!


...JUST WHO ARE YOU?
YES...

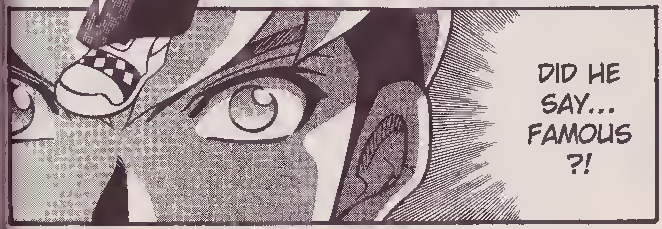
YAH HA HA HA HA HAAAH !!!

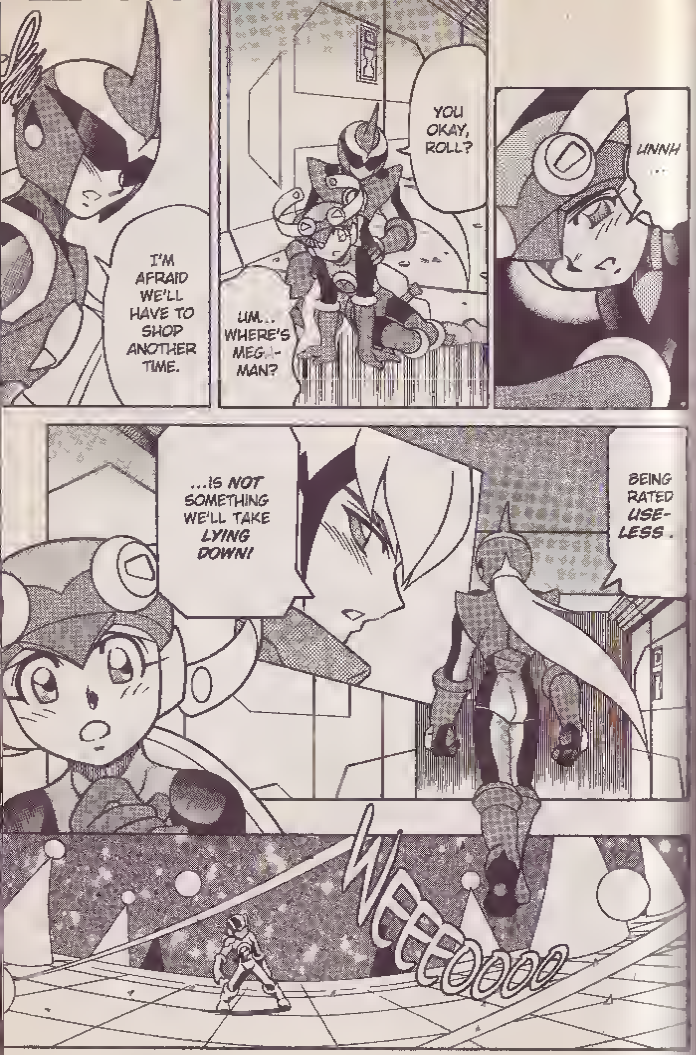

YOU'RE ONLY FIT TO...
!
NO USEFUL POTENTIAL IN EITHER OF YOU.
HEE-HOO!
YOU'VE FAILED, I'M AFRAID


...SPAR WITH THE LIGHT-WEIGHTS YOU'VE BEEN FACING...

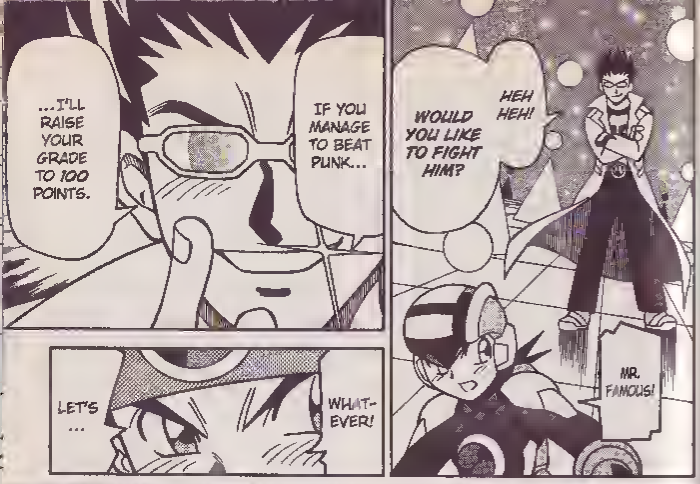

...AND BASS?! YOU CALL THEM LIGHT-WEIGHTS?
THE LIFE-VIRUS, GRAVE VIRUS-BEAST...

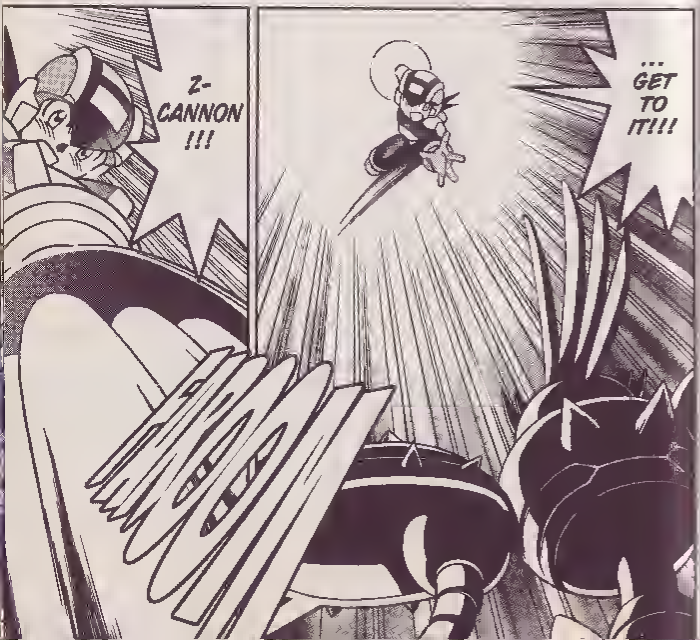
KNOWN FAR, WIDE AND HAND-SOME AS...
HA
HA
...NUMBER ONE NET-BATTLER INSTRUC-TOR!!
HA
HA
HA
HA
...MR. FAMOUS !!!

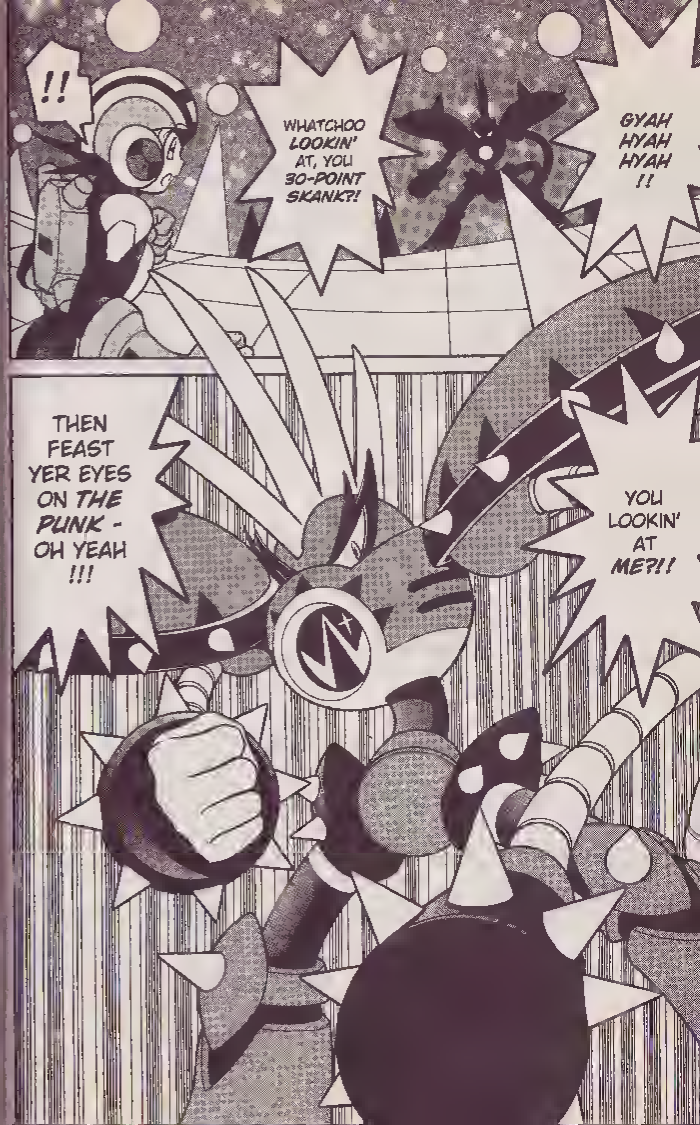

DID HE SAY... FAMOUS ?!

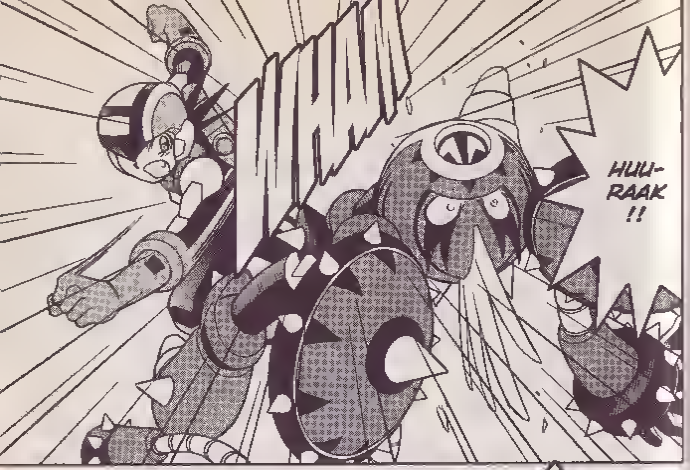

I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO SHOP ANOTHER TIME.
YOU OKAY, ROLL?
UM... WHERE'S MEGA-MAN?
UNNH ...
...IS NOT SOMETHING WE'LL TAKE LYING DOWN!
BEING RATED USE-LESS.
WEEOOOO

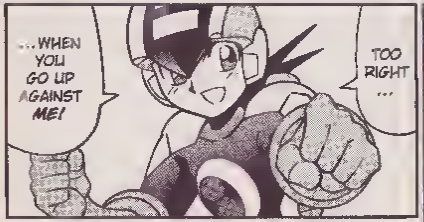
LOOP
YOU CAN'T JUST DUCK OUT!!
SSSS
DASH
WAIT !!
AS FOR BEING CALLED "MR. FAMOUS," WELL...
...HE IS FAMOUS, THE WORLD OVER, FOR TRAINING COUNT-LESS NET-BATTLERS OF SUPE-RIOR SKILL
AH NOW I REMEM-BER..
...

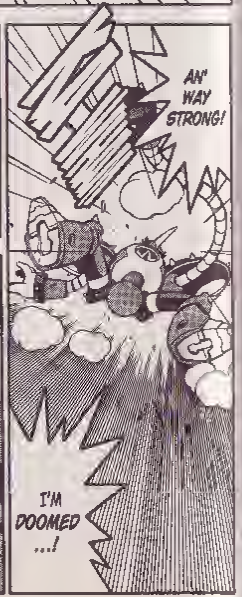

...I'LL RAISE YOUR GRADE TO 100 POINTS.
IF YOU MANAGE TO BEAT PUNK...
LET'S ...
WHAT-EVER!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIGHT HIM?
HEH HEH!
MR. FAMOUS!

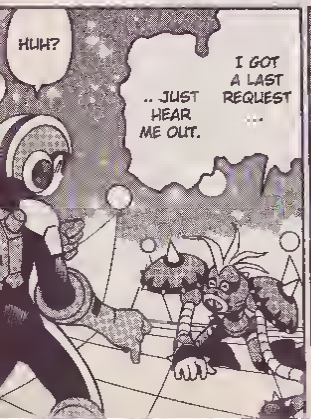

Z-CANNON !!!
... GET TO IT!!!


!!
WHATCHOO LOOKIN' AT, YOU 30-POINT SKANK?!
GYAH HYAH HYAH !!
THEN FEAST YER EYES ON THE PUNK - OH YEAH !!!
YOU LOOKIN' AT ME?!!

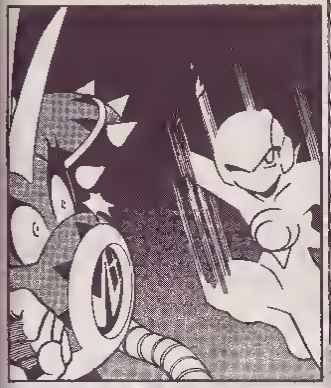

HUU-RAAK !!


...WHEN YOU GO UP AGAINST ME!
TOO RIGHT ...

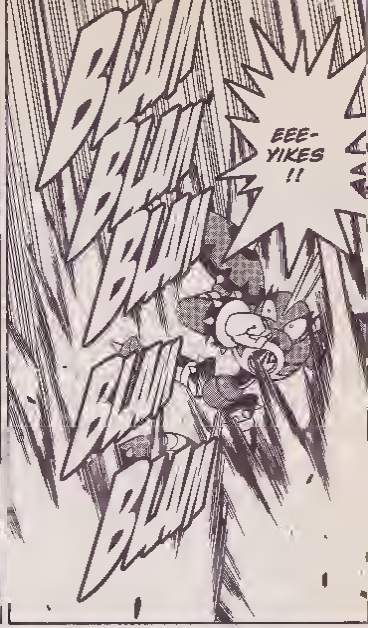

AN' WAY STRONG!
I'M DOOMED ...!


HUH?
.. JUST HEAR ME OUT.
I GOT A LAST REQUEST ...

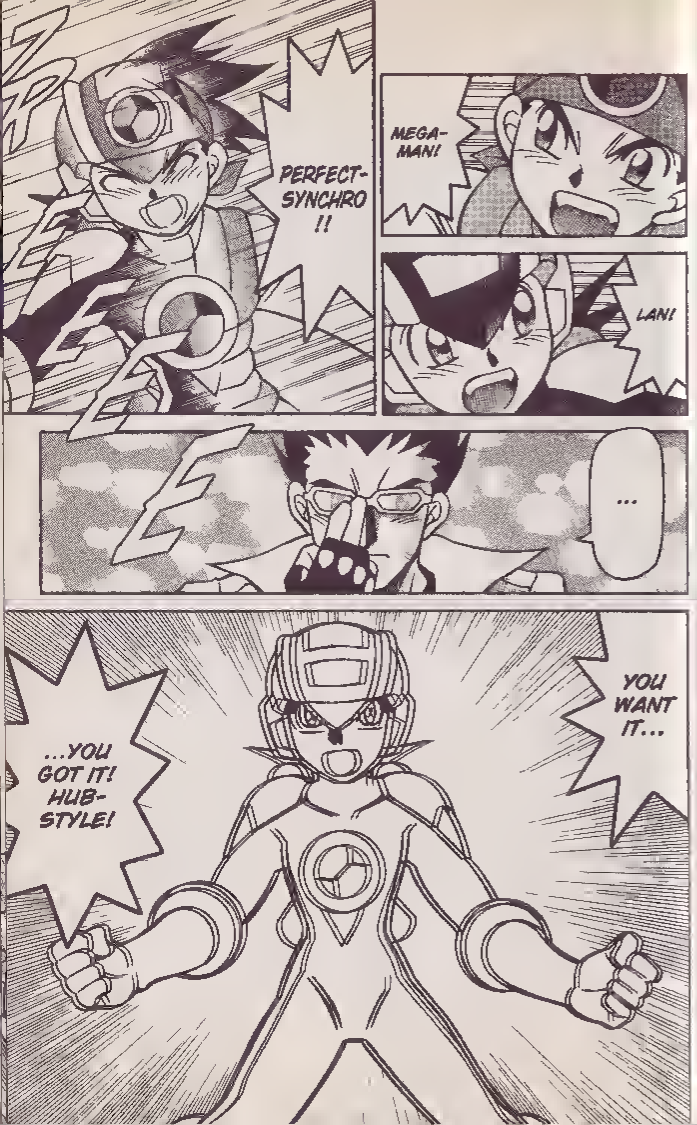
T... TIME OUT, 'KAY?

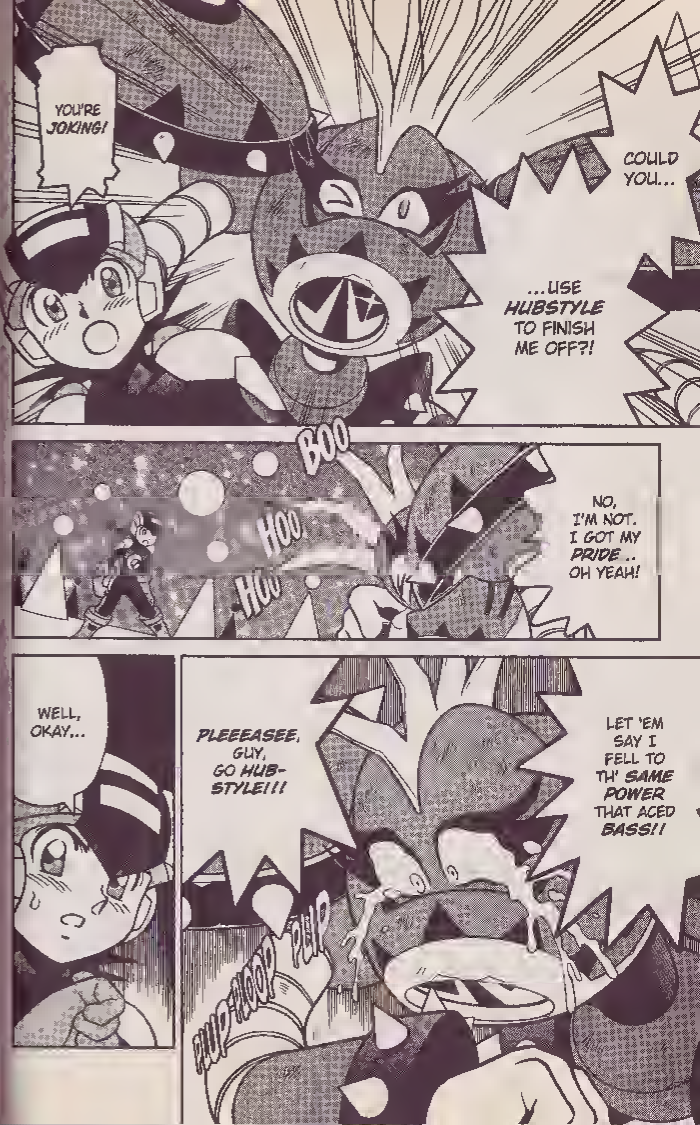


HE'S FAST !!

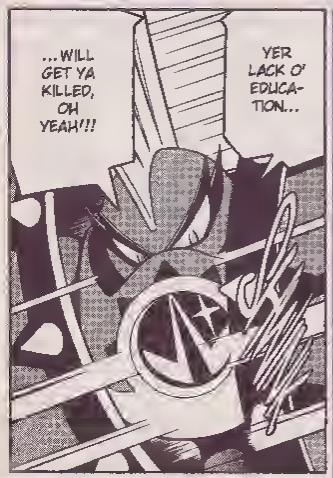

BUU BUU BUU BUU BUU
EEE-YIKES !!

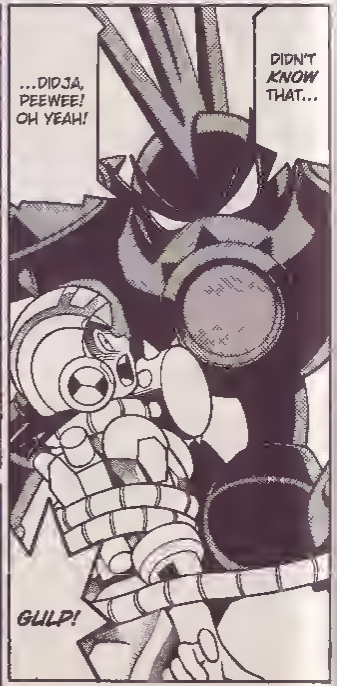
YAA-AH !!!

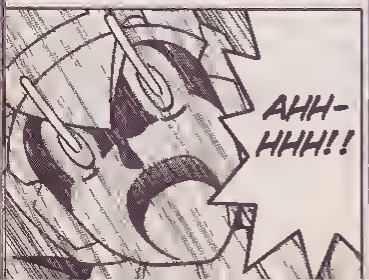

PERFECT-SYNCHRO !!
MEGA-MAN!
LAN!
...
...YOU GOT IT! HUB-STYLE!
YOU WANT IT...

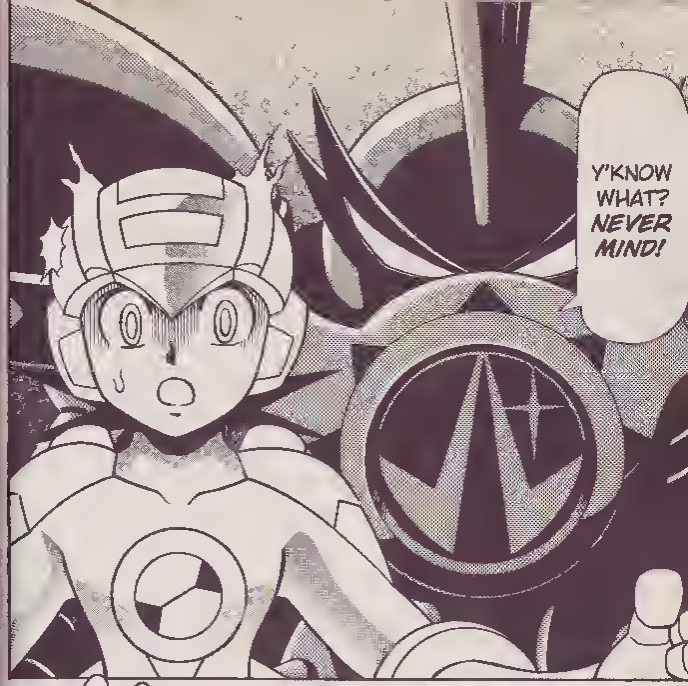

YOU'RE JOKING!
COULD YOU...
...USE HUBSTYLE TO FINISH ME OFF?!
BOO
HOO
HOO
NO, I'M NOT. I GOT MY PRIDE.. OH YEAH!
WELL, OKAY...
PLEEEASEE, GUY, GO HUB-STYLE!!!
PUUPUUPUU PUU
LET 'EM SAY I FELL TO TH' SAME POWER THAT ACED BASS!!

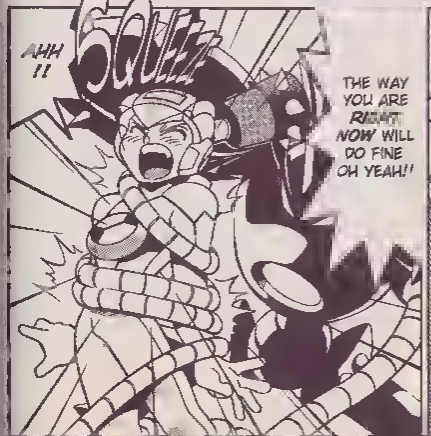
FOR A MOMENT, YOU'RE IN A COMPLETELY DEFENSE-LESS STATE...
THAT'S THE THING ABOUT STYLE-CHANGE.


...WILL GET YA KILLED, OH YEAH!!!
YER LACK O' EDUCA-TION...

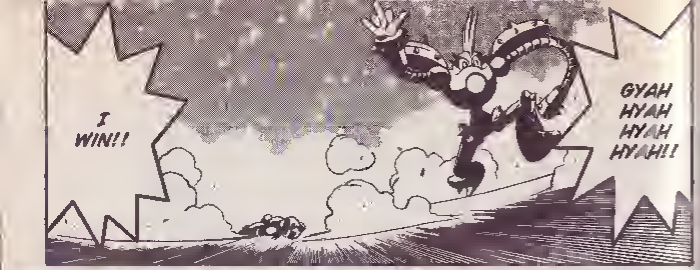

...DIDJA, PEEWEE! OH YEAH!
DIDN'T KNOW THAT...
GULP!

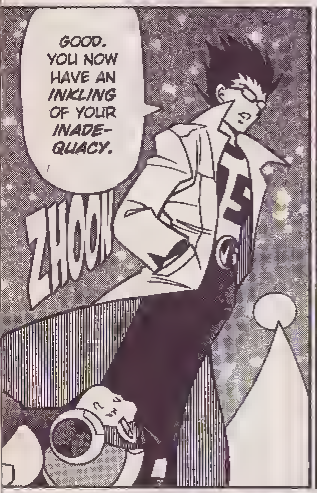

AHH-HHH!!

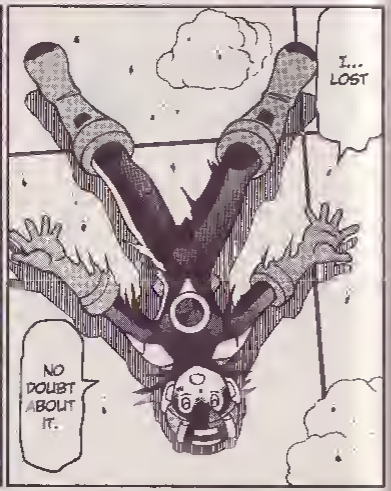

Y'KNOW WHAT? NEVER MIND!

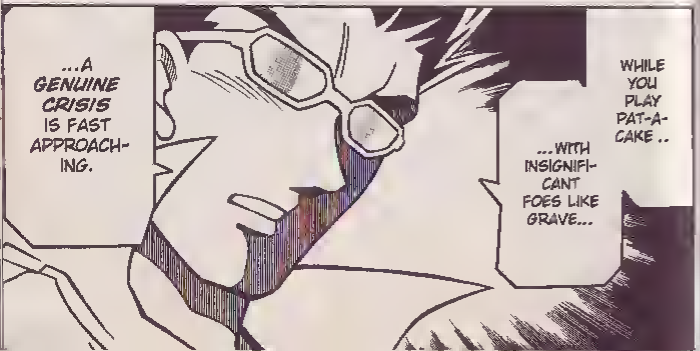

AHH!!
SQUEE
THE WAY YOU ARE RIGHT NOW WILL DO FINE OH YEAH!!

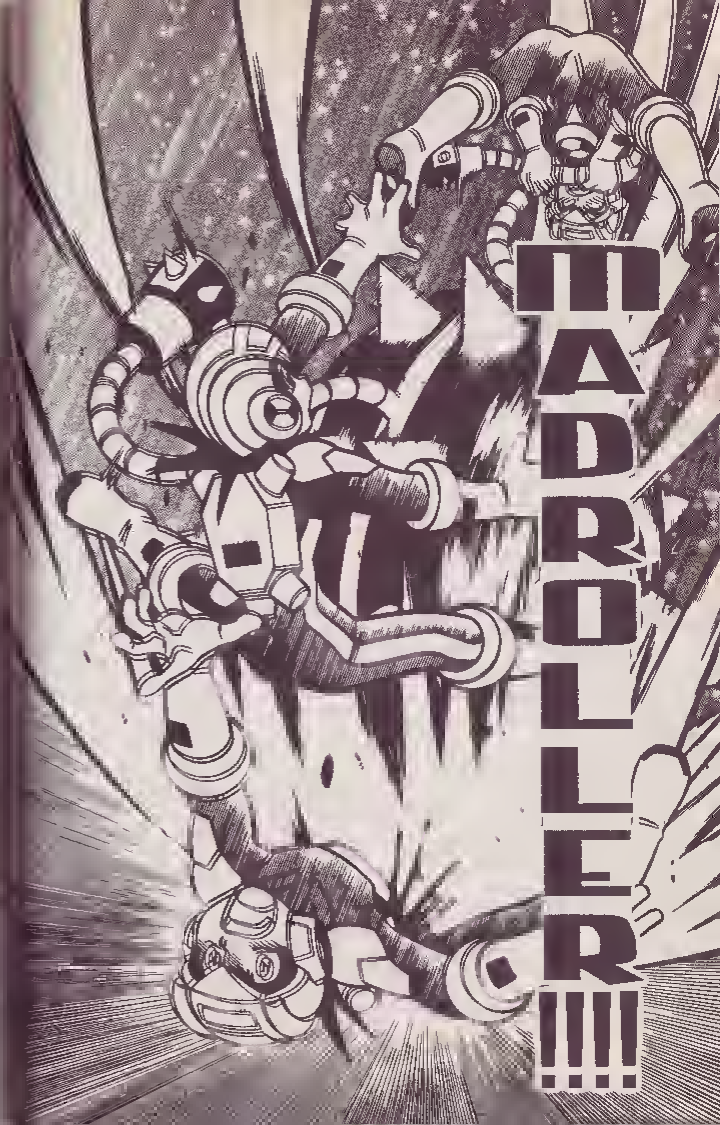
WOOSH

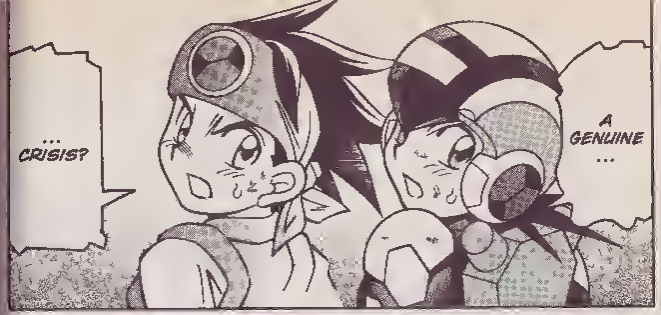

I WIN!!
GYAH HYAH HYAH HYAH!!

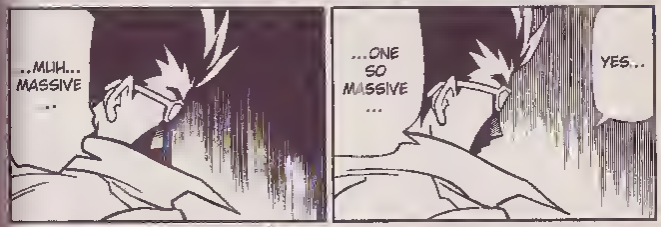

GOOD. YOU NOW HAVE AN INKLING OF YOUR INADEQUACY.
ZHOOK

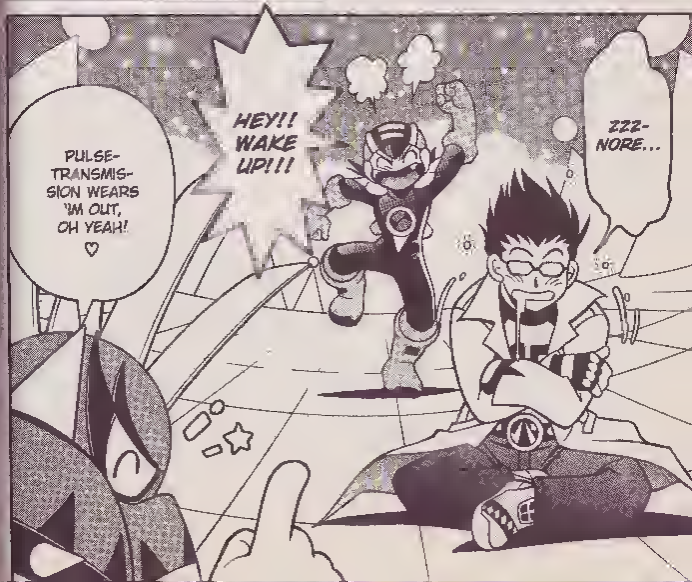

I... LOST
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.


...A GENUINE CRISIS IS FAST APPROACHING.
...WITH INSIGNIFICANT FOES LIKE GRAVE...
WHILE YOU PLAY PAT-A-CAKE ..

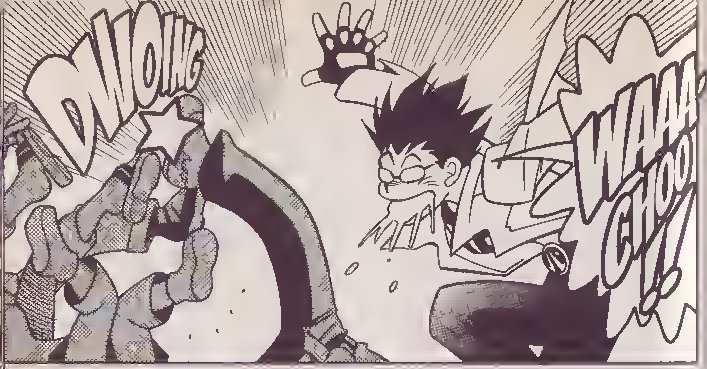

MADROLLER!!!!

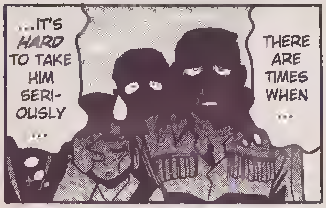

...
CRISIS?
A GENUINE ...

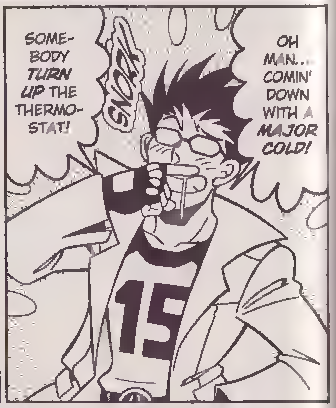

...MUH... MASSIVE ...
...ONE SO MASSIVE ...
YES...


PULSE-TRANSMIS-SION WEARS 'IM OUT, OH YEAH! ♡
HEY!! WAKE UP!!!
ZZZ-NORE...

CHAPTER 5:
THE CRISIS RIGHT NOW


DWOING
WAAA-CHOO!!


...IT'S HARD TO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY ...
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ...


SOMEBODY TURN UP THE THERMOSTAT!
SNOG
OH MAN... COMIN' DOWN WITH A MAJOR COLD!
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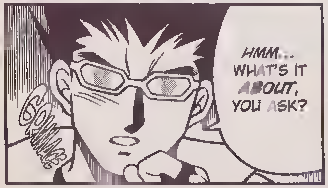
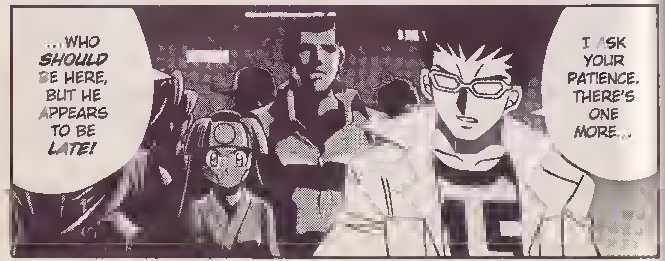
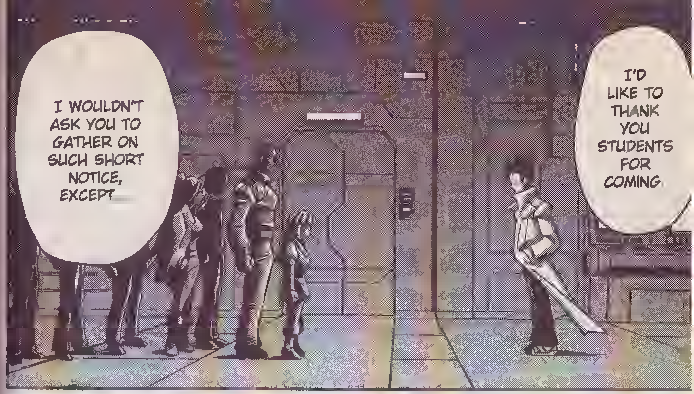
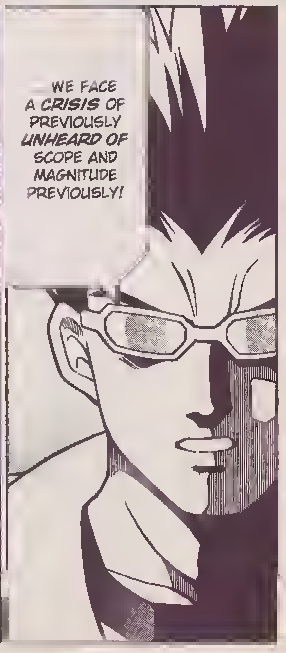

HMM... WHAT'S IT ABOUT, YOU ASK?
SNIFF

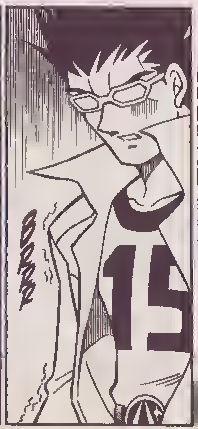

...WHO SHOULD BE HERE, BUT HE APPEARS TO BE LATE!
I ASK YOUR PATIENCE. THERE'S ONE MORE...


I WOULDN'T ASK YOU TO GATHER ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, EXCEPT...
I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU STUDENTS FOR COMING.

YES, MR. FAMOUS, WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
WHAT IS IT?


...WE FACE A CRISIS OF PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD OF SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE PREVIOUSLY!

GOOD GOSH, HE'S... SHAKING !!


GNNN
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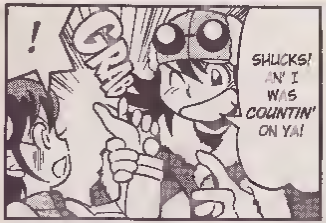
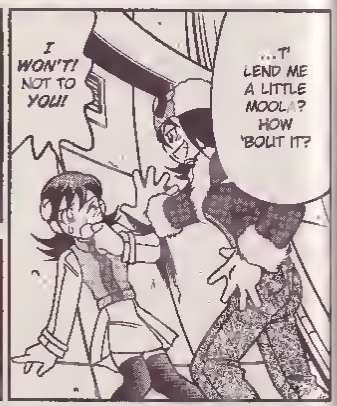
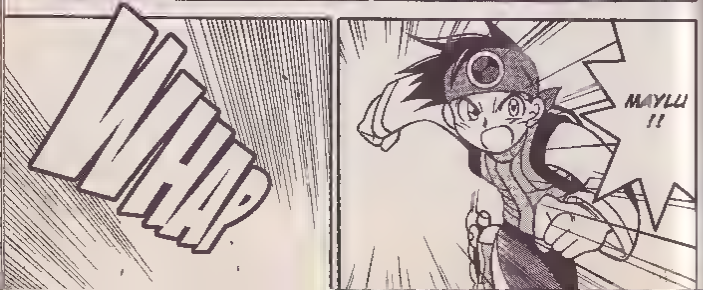
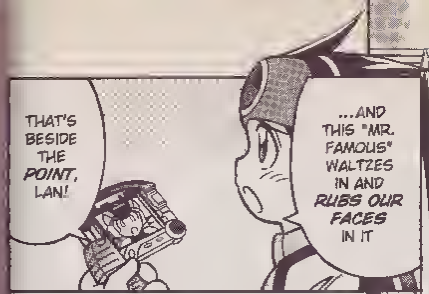
AREN'T I ASKIN' YA REAL NICE AND POLITE LIKE. .
HEY CUTIE.
..
WHAT'RE YA SHOUTIN' LIKE THAT FOR?


!
GRAB
SHUCKS! AN' I WAS COUNTIN' ON YA!


I WON'T! NOT TO YOU!
...T' LEND ME A LITTLE MOOLA? HOW 'BOUT IT?

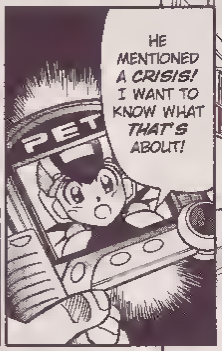
LET GO OF ME!!
STOP IT!!


WHAP
MAYLU !!


THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT, LAN!
...AND THIS "MR. FAMOUS" WALTZES IN AND RUBS OUR FACES IN IT

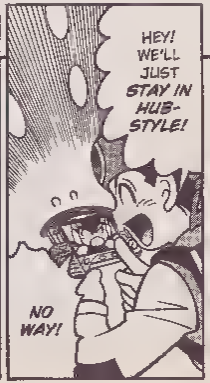
...WHICH WAS A PRETTY BIG DEAL, I THOUGHT ...
GEEZ LOOEEZ... WE DEFEAT BASS ..

.. BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE IT
HE SAID WE WOULDN'T BE OF ANY USE ...

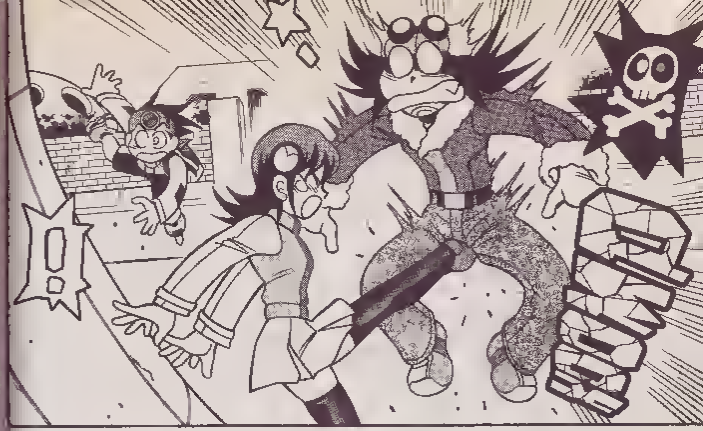

PET
HE MENTIONED A CRISIS! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT'S ABOUT!

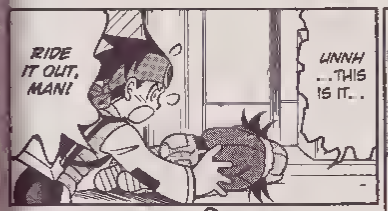
THAT SCREAM!
IT'S MAYLU !!

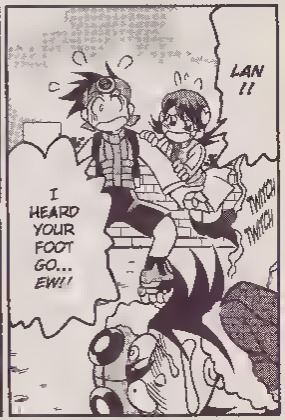
EEEEEEE! HELP! SOMEONE HELP!!

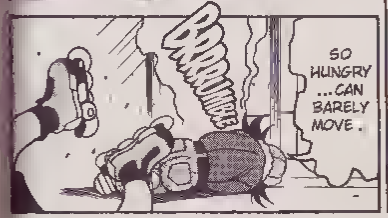

HEY! WE'LL JUST STAY IN HUB-STYLE!
NO WAY!

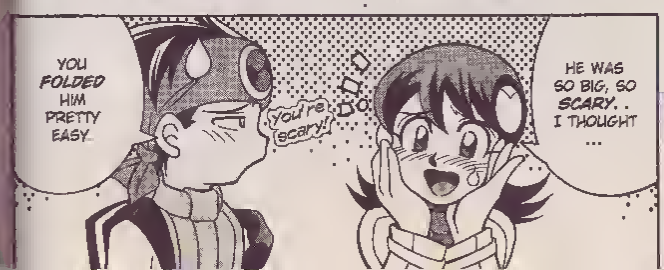
TORA-KICHI ARAKO-MA!!!
I'M SWAPOP-OLIS' NUMBER ONE NET-BATTLER!
WHO SEZ I'M PRETTY AN' EASY?!
GRAH!
I'M SWORN NOT T' REVEAL THAT I'M HERE TO DEFEND TH' WORLD FROM IMPENDIN' DOOM!!
WHAT'S A GUY FROM SWAPOPOLIS DOING IN DENTECH CITY?
HEH.. THAT'S TOP SECRET!



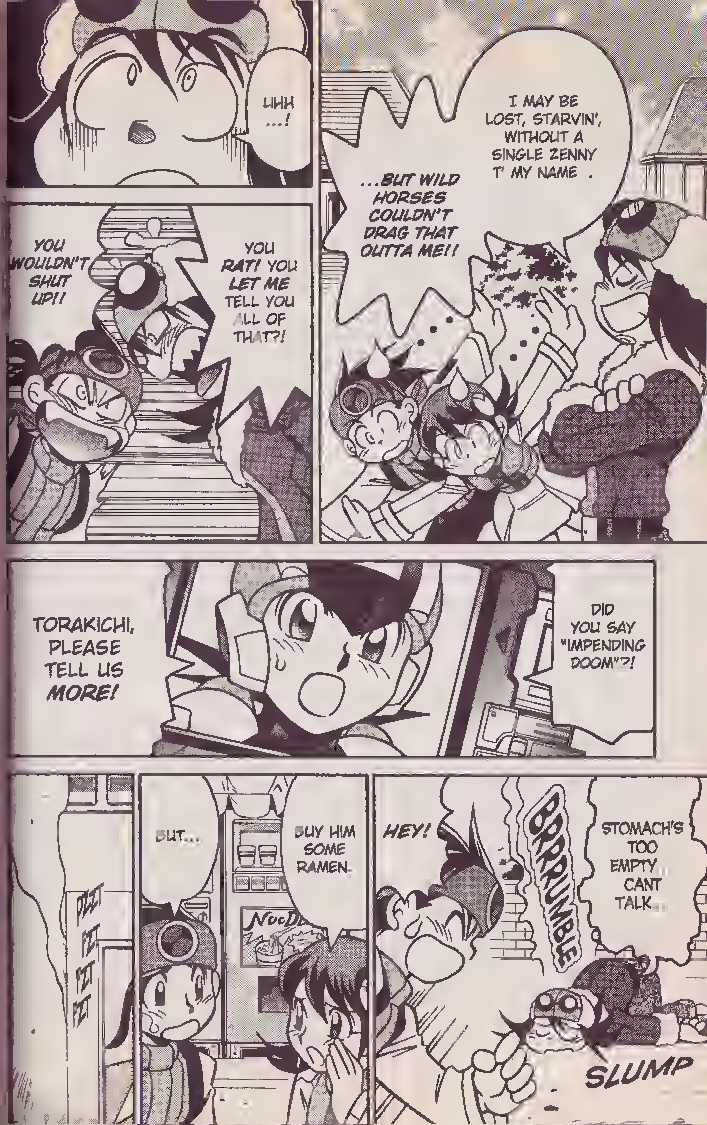

RIDE IT OUT, MAN!
UNNH ...THIS IS IT..

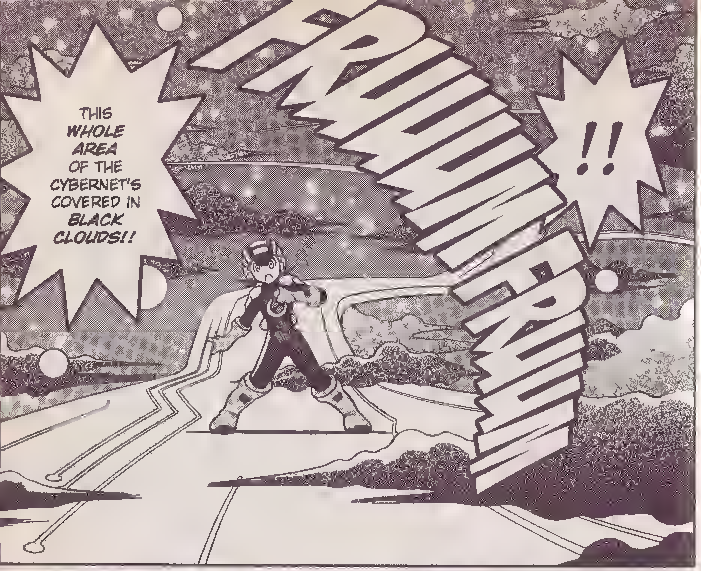

LAN !!
I HEARD YOUR FOOT GO... EW!!
TWITCH TWITCH

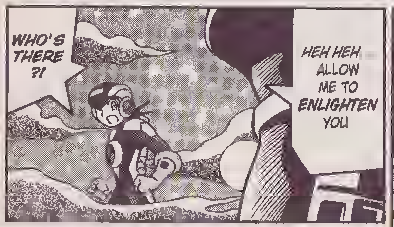

SO HUNGRY ...CAN BARELY MOVE.

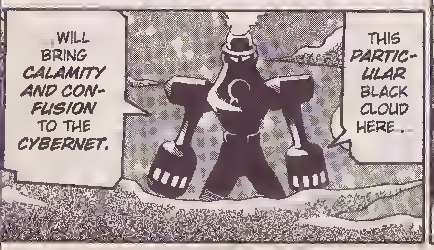

YOU FOLDED HIM PRETTY EASY.
you're scary!!
HE WAS SO BIG, SO SCARY.. I THOUGHT ...

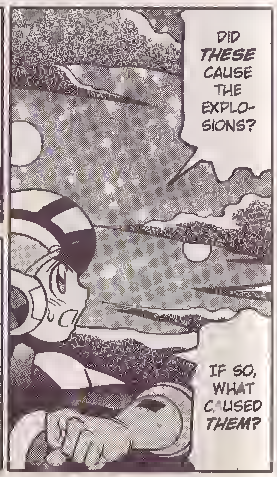
BOOM!!
YAA-AH!!
SOME-ONE CALL THE FIRE DEPART-MENT!! HURRY!!
BOOM
EEEEE
NAAA
ELEC-TRONICS ALL OVER TOWN ARE EXPLOD-ING!!
HEEELP!

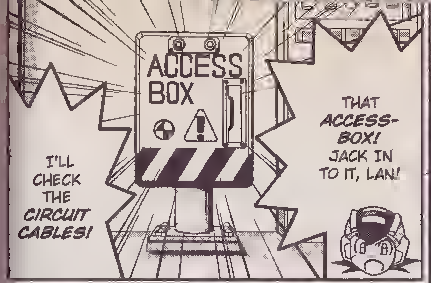

UHH ...!
YOU WOULDN'T SHUT UP!!
YOU RAT! YOU LET ME TELL YOU ALL OF THAT?!
I MAY BE LOST, STARVIN', WITHOUT A SINGLE ZENNY T' MY NAME .
...BUT WILD HORSES COULDN'T DRAG THAT OUTTA ME!!
TORAKICHI, PLEASE TELL US MORE!
DID YOU SAY "IMPENDING DOOM"?!
BUT...
BUY HIM SOME RAMEN.
HEY!
BRRRUMBLE
STOMACH'S TOO EMPTY CANT TALK...
SLUMP

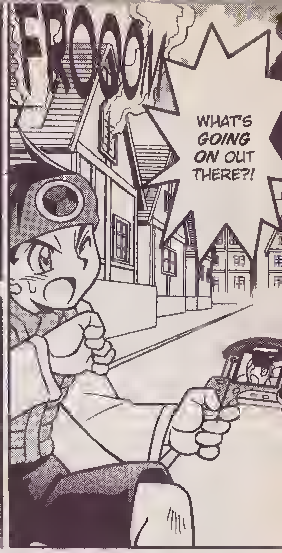

RUMBLE RUMBLE !!
THIS WHOLE AREA OF THE CYBERNET'S COVERED IN BLACK CLOUDS!!

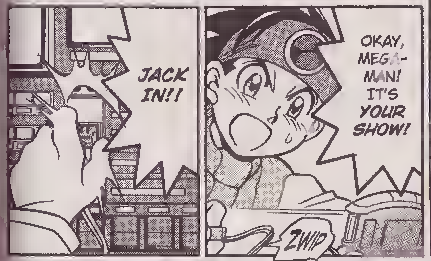

WHO'S THERE?!
HEH HEH... ALLOW ME TO ENLIGHTEN YOU.

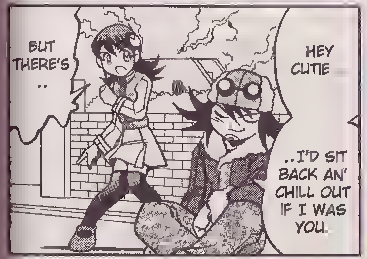

...WILL BRING CALAMITY AND CONFUSION TO THE CYBERNET.
THIS PARTICULAR BLACK CLOUD HERE...

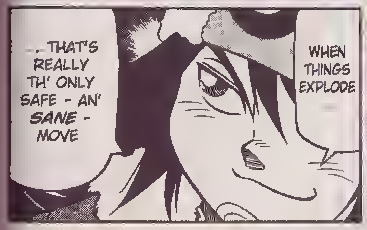

DID THESE CAUSE THE EXPLOSIONS?
IF SO, WHAT CAUSED THEM?

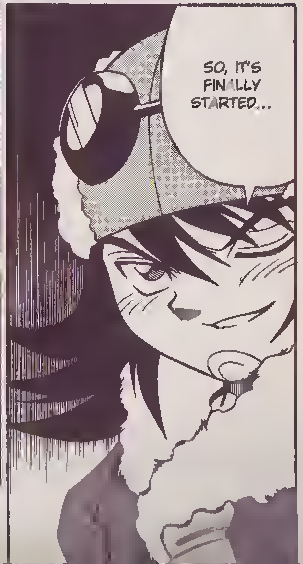

ACCESS BOX
I'LL CHECK THE CIRCUIT CABLES!
THAT ACCESS-BOX! JACK IN TO IT, LAN!


FROOOM
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?!


JACK IN!!
OKAY, MEGA-MAN! IT'S YOUR SHOW!
ZWIP

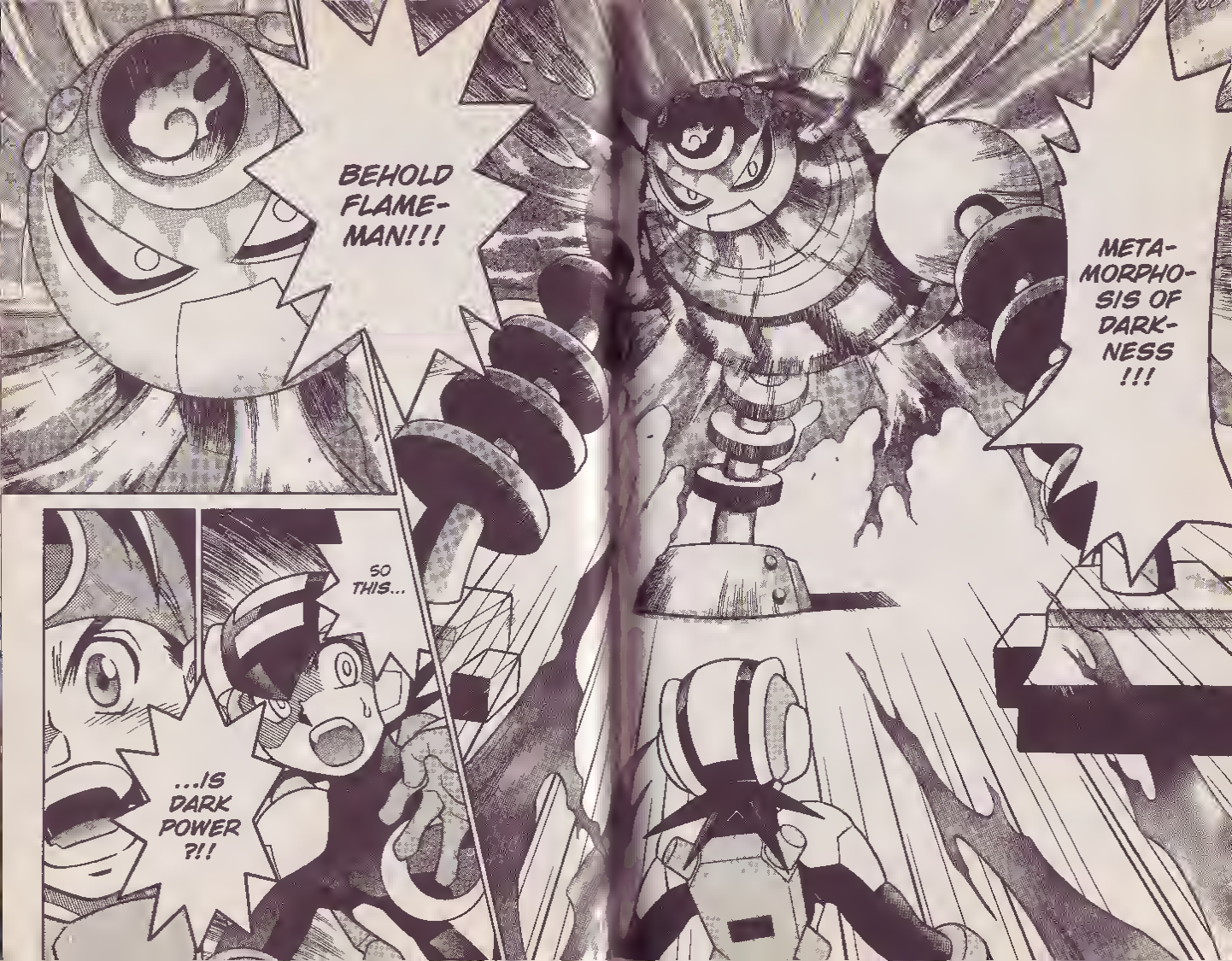

BUT THERE'S..
HEY CUTIE
..I'D SIT BACK AN' CHILL OUT IF I WAS YOU.


...THAT'S REALLY TH' ONLY SAFE - AN' SANE - MOVE
WHEN THINGS EXPLODE

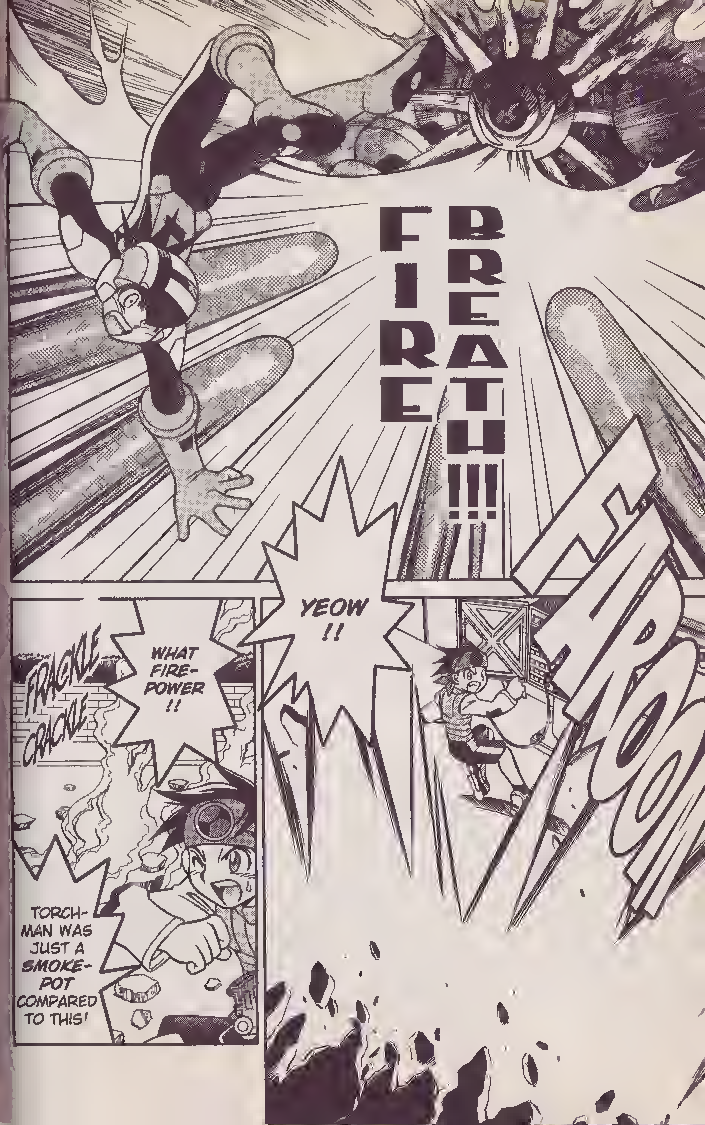

SO, IT'S FINALLY STARTED...

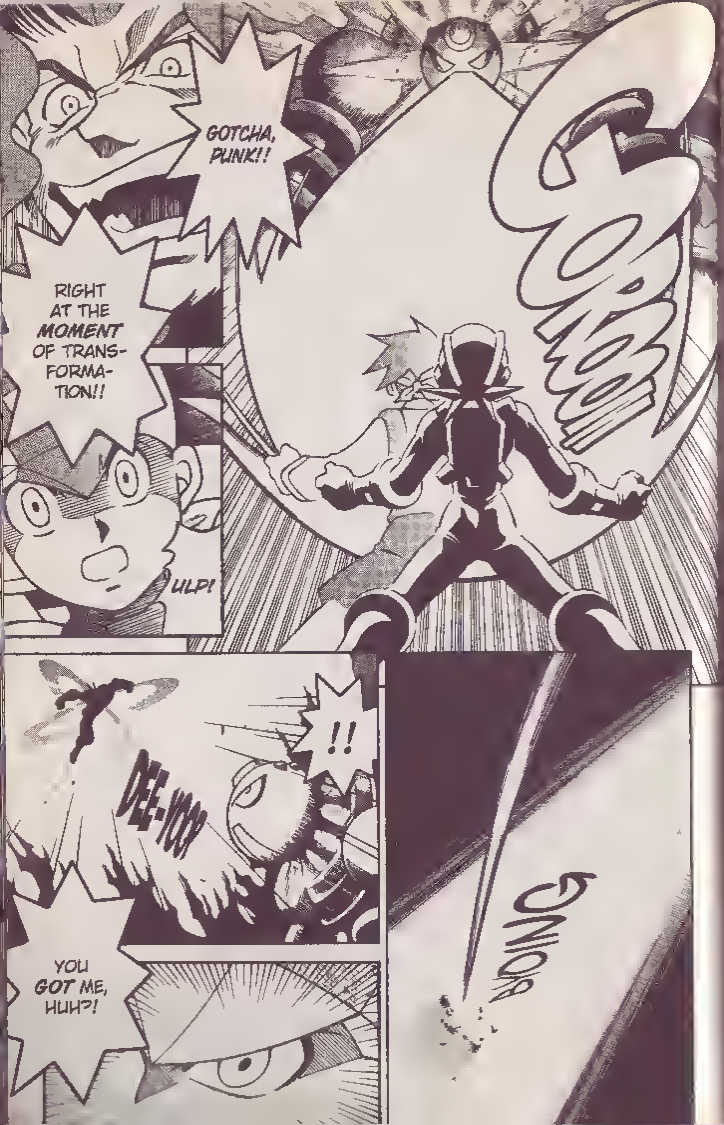
SO YOU'RE BEHIND THIS!
MR. MATCH!
HOW LOVELY TO HAVE...
I'LL BEAT TORCHMAN AGAIN, Y'KNOW!
...THIS FRESH CHANCE TO DESTROY YOU!!
...THINGS AREN'T QUITE AS YOU REMEMBER!!
FROOMP
FROOMP
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
WE'RE THROUGH WITH PARLOR TRICKS LIKE STYLE-CHANGE!!
PREP ARE YOUR-SELF!
FOOM-WOO-FWOOM
FWOO-FWOO-FOOM-FWOOM

IT IS DARK POWER !!!
... TORCH-MAN !!!
OMIGOSH ...
...MEGA-MAN! AND LAN!
HEH HEH HEH ...
...IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT...
SO WHAT'S DARK POWER ...?!

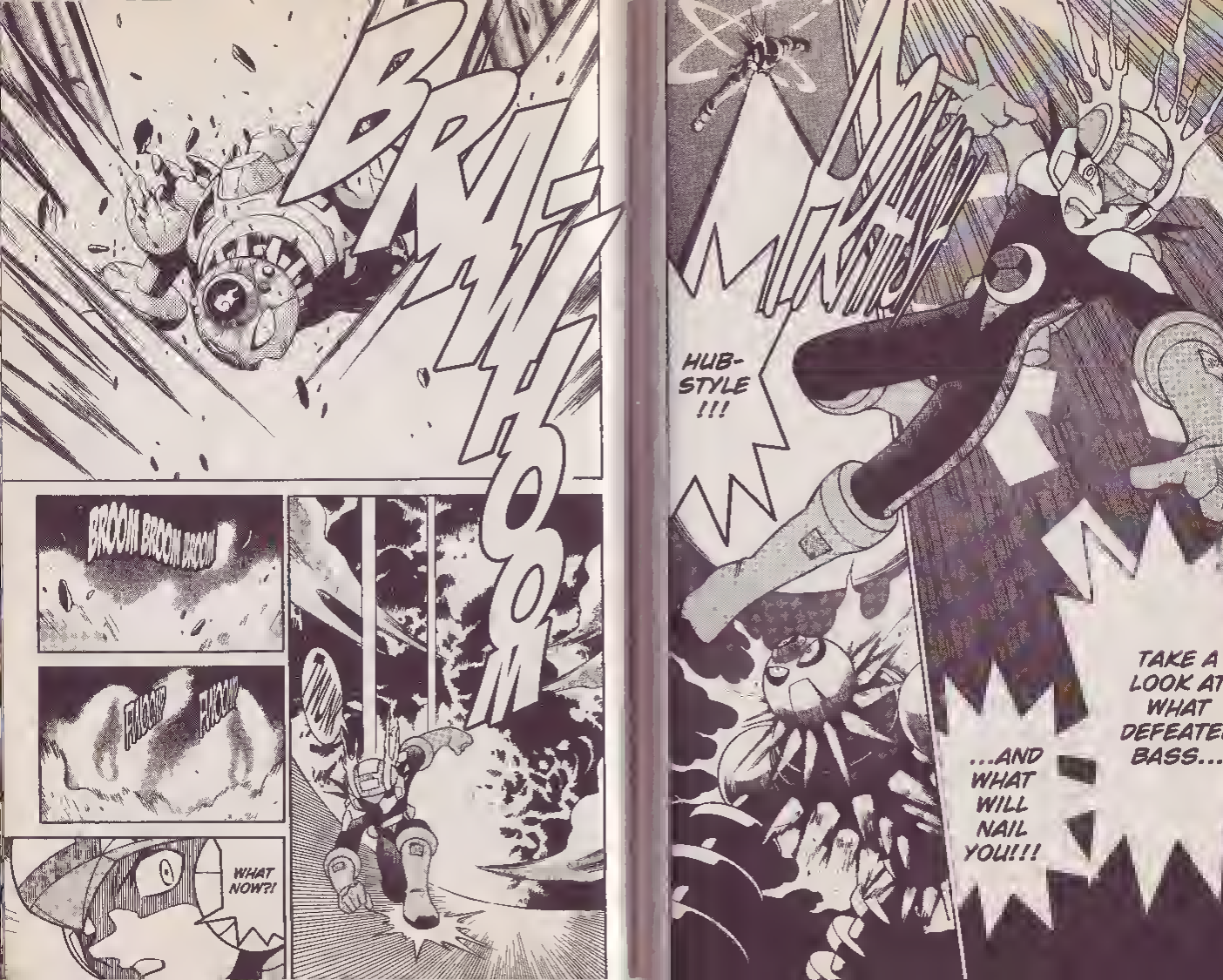

BEHOLD FLAME-MAN!!!
SO THIS...
...IS DARK POWER ?!!
META-MORPHO-SIS OF DARK-NESS !!!

...GET CRANKED TO TH' MAX
THEIR POWER AN' FEROCITY
IT'S A PAIN WHEN ENEMIES GIT THEIR MITTS ON DARK ENERGY.
YOU COULD SAVE LAN!
YOU SAY YOU'RE A NET-BATTLER, RIGHT?!
OH... OH MY!!
PLUMP
MAYBE, IF I WASN'T SO HUNGRY...
SPREAD YOUR INFERNO!! BURN EVERY-THING!!
FROOOM
FRUUCKLE
FIRE IT UP, FLAME-MAN!!


FIRE BREATH!!!
YEOW !!
FROOM
FRACKLE CRACK!
WHAT FIRE-POWER !!
TORCH-MAN WAS JUST A SMOKE-POT COMPARED TO THIS!


GOTCHA, PUNK!!
GOOOOH
RIGHT AT THE MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION!!
ULP!
!!
DEE-WOO
YOU GOT ME, HUH?!
SWOOSH

IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T GET NEAR HIM!!
FRAAASH
PHEW!
FROOOH
!
WE GOTTA GO HUB-STYLE!!
PERFECT-SYNCHRO !!
C'MON! NO TIME TO WASTE!
...NOW WHY'S THAT SOUND SO FAMILIAR ...?
HUBSTYLE ...HUB-STYLE...
BAD MOVE !!!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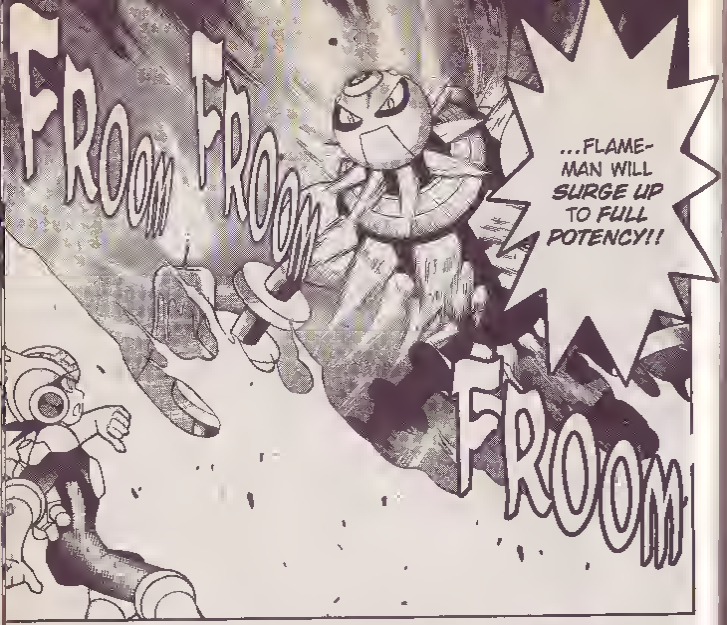
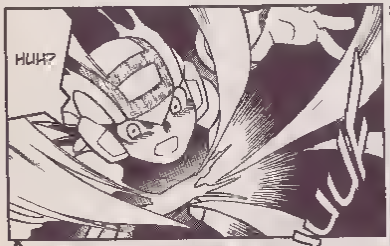

FROOM FROOM
...FLAME-MAN WILL SURGE UP TO FULL POTENCY!!
FROOM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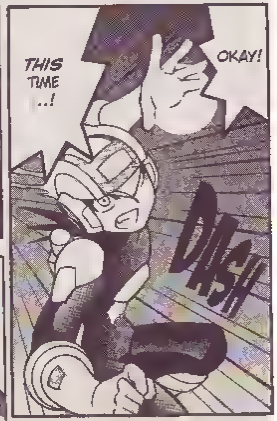
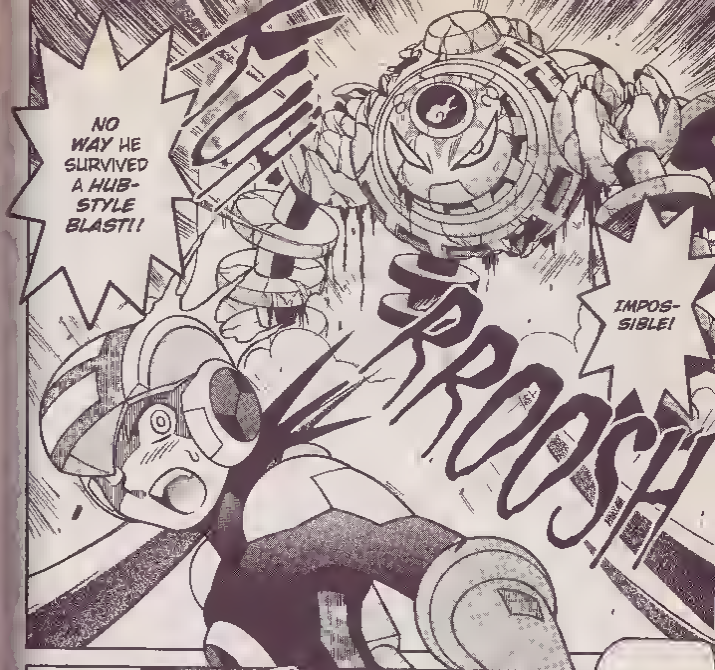

THIS TIME ..!
OKAY!
DASH

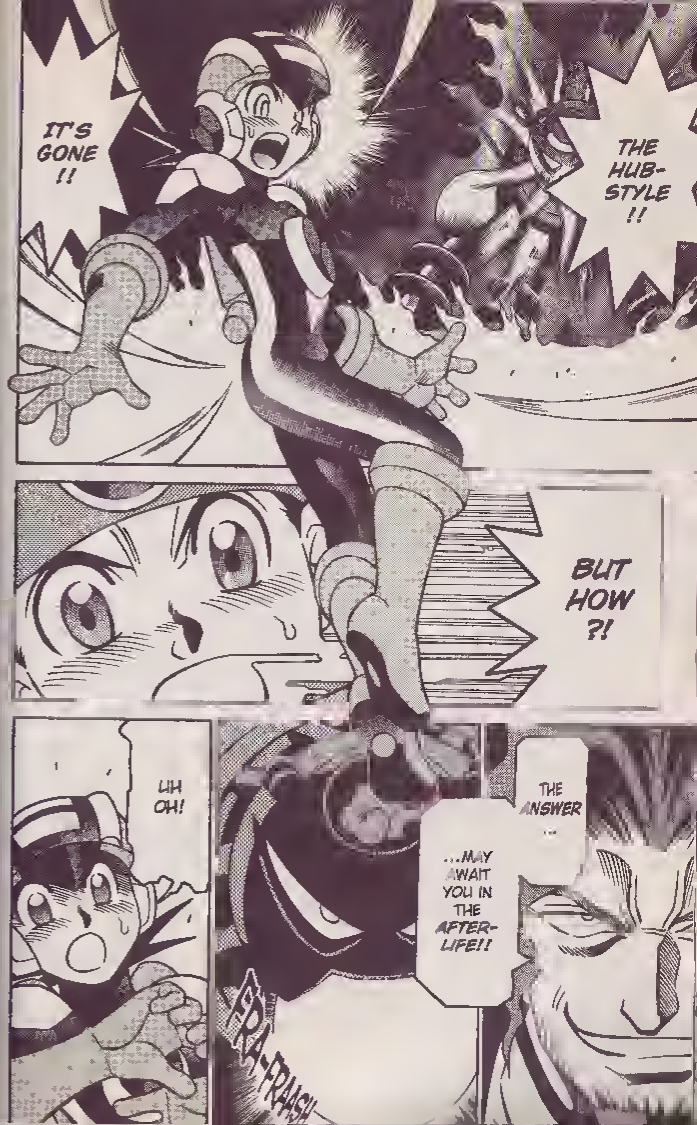
... WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!
WHAT'S ...

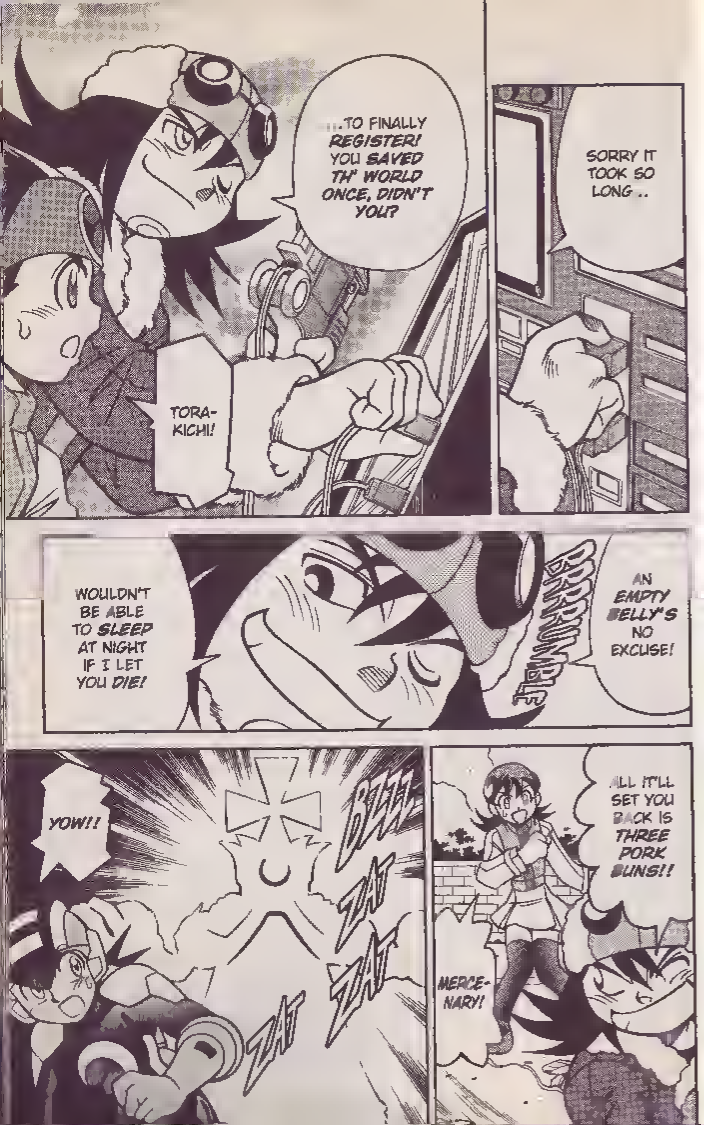

NO WAY HE SURVIVED A HUB-STYLE BLAST!!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
FROOSH

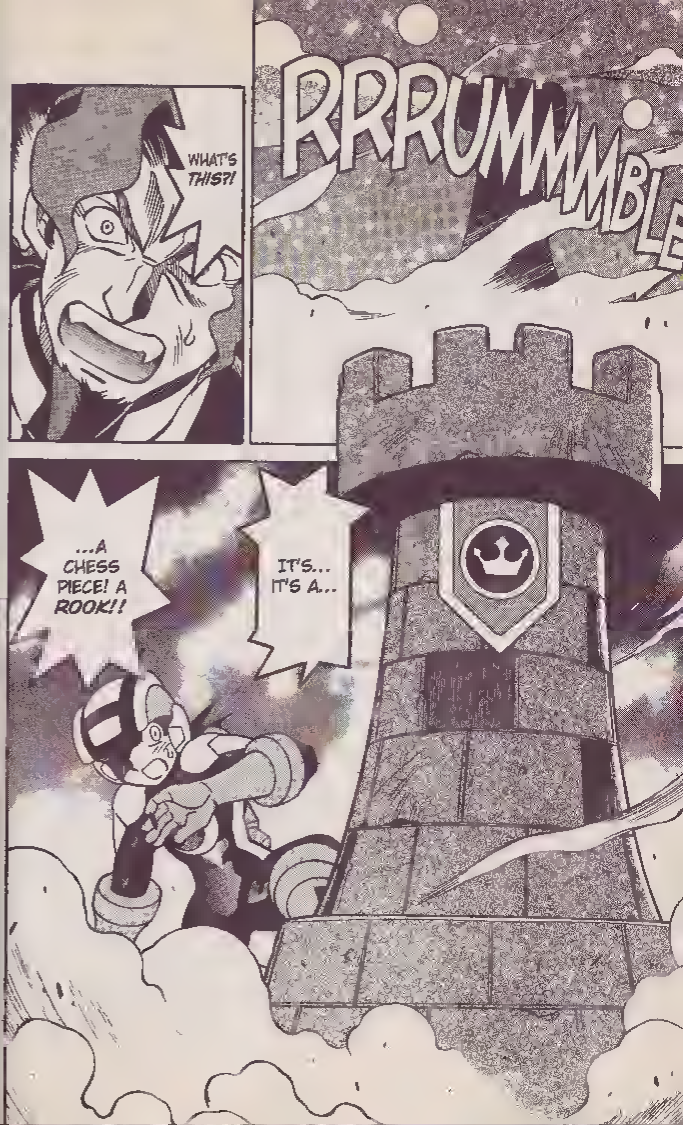
ONCE HE ABSORBS WHAT'S THERE..
... DARK ENERGY IS UN-BOUNDED !!
GUUUURK

I WAS NERVOUS THERE, FOR A SECOND.
BUT...

YAAA-AAAH !!
GA-WHOO-
FROOOM

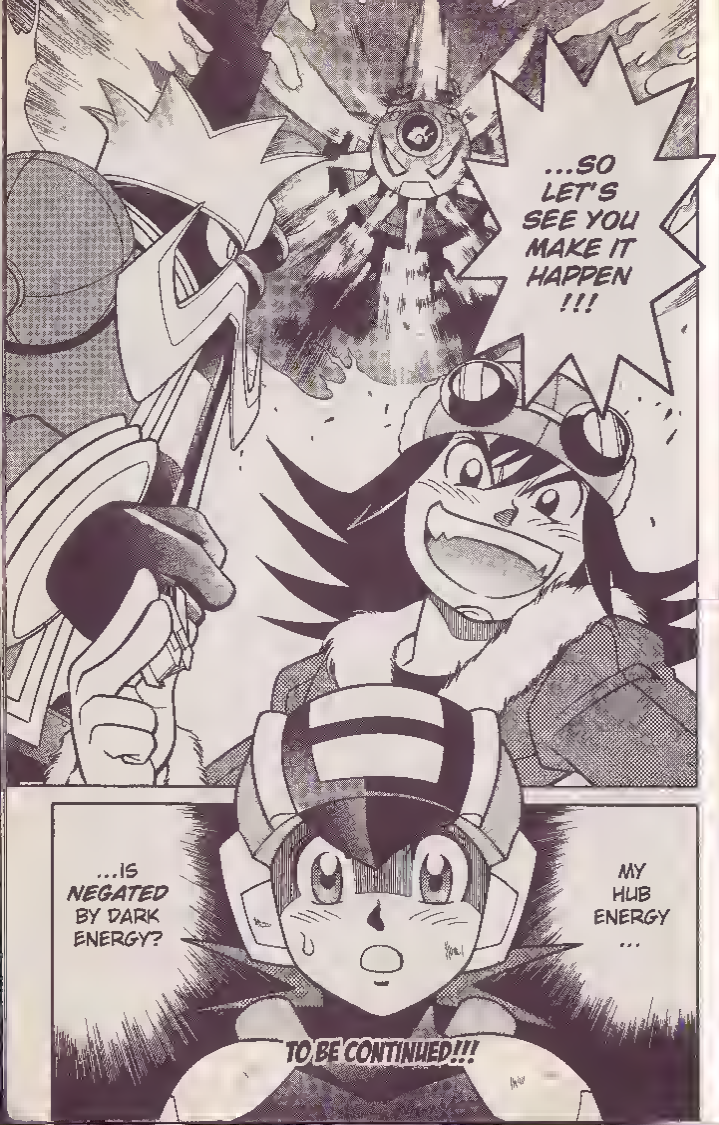

IT'S GONE !!
THE HUB-STYLE !!
BUT HOW ?!
UH OH!
THE ANSWER ...
...MAY AWAIT YOU IN THE AFTER-LIFE!!
FRA-TRASH


...TO FINALLY REGISTER! YOU SAVED TH' WORLD ONCE, DIDN'T YOU?
TORA-KICHI!
SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG..
AN EMPTY BELLY'S NO EXCUSE!
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT IF I LET YOU DIE!
YOW!!
ALL IT'LL SET YOU BACK IS THREE PORK BUNS!!
MERCE-NARY!

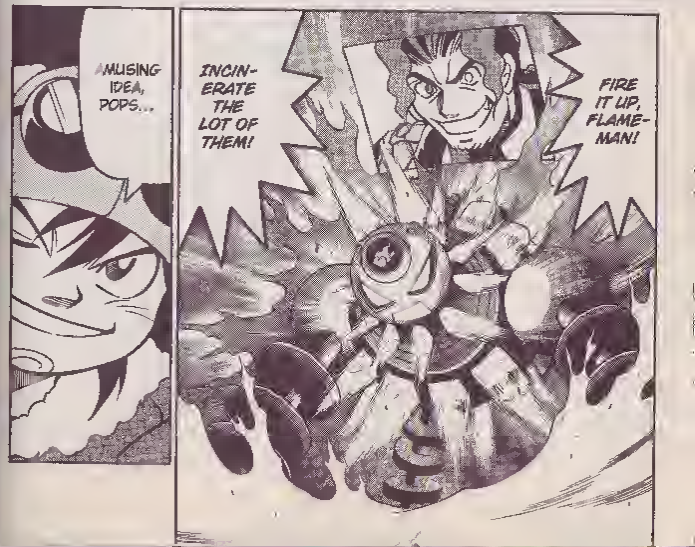

WHAT'S THIS?!
RRRUMMMBLE
...A CHESS PIECE! A ROOK!!
IT'S... IT'S A..

WE'RE FIT AND READY TO FIGHT!
HEY! NO WAY, NO HOW!
MEGA-MAN.
T'WOULD BE BEST IF THEE STAYED BEHIND ME!
HARDLY.
MR. FAMOUS !!

ENTER KING-MAN !!!
AN' TH' CROWD GOES WILD!!!
KING-MAN? HOO BOY!!


...SO LET'S SEE YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN !!!
...IS NEGATED BY DARK ENERGY?
MY HUB ENERGY ...
TO BE CONTINUED!!!

HUB ENERGY VANISHES WHEN ATTACKED BY DARK ENERGY
SO, YOU SEE .
..YOUR UTTER DEPENDENCE ON HUB ENERGY ..
...RULES YOU OUT OF ANY FIGHT INVOLVING DARK ENERGY.


AMUSING IDEA, POPS...
INCIN-ERATE THE LOT OF THEM!
FIRE IT UP, FLAME-MAN!